SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS. (Before Sir J'mes. Russell, Chief Justice.)

December 18th, 1890.

EMBEZZLIMENT BY A BAILIFF. Josquim Xavier, late assistant bailiff of the Supreme Court, was indicted with the embezzlement of \$7,056.75 the monies of the said Court, Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Attorney General prosecuted. The prisoner was unrepresented by

The following Jury was sworn in :- Mesas. R. Addms, P. I. Schwatschoff, W. Rudorff, B. Medari, I. O. Comes, P. Brewatt, J. E. Barker and O. Wegener.

The Attorney General in opening the case for the prosecution said that the bailiff of the Supreme Court, Mr. F. Howell, sent the prisoner in May last to collect the sum of \$93.50 from a Mr. Wolff at Kowloon. He also sent the prisoner to collect the sum of \$963.25 from the late Mr. A. G. Apcar. Both sums were to be collected for the Court by virtue of write of execution. The said sums were never paid into the Court although the prisoner admitted to him (Howell) that he had collected them in due course. The prisoner absconded from the colony, on or about Tuesday the 27th of 19th of last month, when he was brought back to Hongkong from Macao by Detective Inspector labour.

The shroff of the Court. Mr. Hali Ismail, Mr. Howell and an assistant balliff comborated. The prisoner when asked what defence he had to make, said, "I pray for the mercy of the

Court, as I am undefended," The jury unanimously found the prisoner

When asked why sentence should not be passed the prisoner again said that he begged for the mercy of the Court as he was undefended. His Inrashingsentenced the prisoner to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A PROMISING YOUTH.

Mok Acheing, a school-boy, was indicted with cutting and wounding a Portuguese boy named Collago, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and alleged that another boy committed the act and ran

him on the 5th ultimo because he did not pay

him fifty cents as the cost of pocket-knife. Several Portuguese school-boys were called the prisoner was the hay who did the stabbing. They were followed by Dr. Atkinson who explained the serious nature of the wound and the condition of the boy Collace when admitted to the Civil Hespital on the 10th instant.

The prisoner, who showed remarkable shill in the noble art of cross-examination, was found

Judgment, was deferred.

(Before Mr. Rielding Clarke, Puisne Fudge). December 23rd.

CUILTY OF MURDER. At the adjourned Criminal Sessions this morning Tsang Ali was indicted with the wilful murder of Chum Kum Hi on the 27th ultime: Mr. E. J. Ackroyd (Acting Attorney-General) prosecuted and Mr. Phillippo, instructed by Mr. Mossop, defended. The following jury was swarn in :- Medre.: W. J. Gresson, M. Rieth, C. H. Kew. C. F. Grossman, E. Jones Hughes, R. T. Wright and J. Olsen.

Mak Awai said her husband had been in Victoria Gaol for about 7 years and during that time she kept a boarding house in Second Street. Chum Kum Hi and Tsang Ali had been board in her house for about three years. About 7 p'clock 'p.m. on the 27th ultimo she heard her daughter, a child of to years of age, cry out "save life !" and shortly afterwards she was informed that the prisoner had slain Chun Kum Hi with an axe. Her daughter saw the act com-

Cross-examined....The prisoner was her cousin. and he found fault with her because the deceased brought medicine into her room while she was lying ill suffering from a burnt foot. Her daughter unset a lamp over her feet, and it hurnt off the *kin not only of one foot but part of the ler, as well. The prisoner was her clansman and as such it would be his duty to look after her during the incarceration of the husband

Chun Afun, daughter of the last witness, sald she saw prisoner kill the deceased with the axe produced in Court. He bolted, and she pursued him into the next street. She next saw the prisoner at the Police Court.

Dr. Atkinson gave evidence as to the nature of the wound inflicted on the deceased, and stated that he died in the Civil Hospital about 6.30 p.m. on the 27th of last month. Kong Sau Tala servant corroborated.

Several witnesses examined for the defeace stated that there had been ill-feeling between the deceased and the prisoner on accounted of the suspected intimacy of the former with

the proprietress of the house. The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty of wilfel murder.

The judgethen formally sentenced the prisoner to death as follows:-The sestence of the Court on you Tsung Ali is that you be taken to the place whence you came and thence to the place of execution, and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead and that your body be buried at such place as his Excellency the Governor shall direct, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.) December 24th.

At the adjourned Sessions this morning Mak Acheung and Kum Kwan, who were found guilty of the crimes of cutting and wounding and arson, respectively, last week, were brought before the Court this morning to receive sentence. THE CUTTING AND WOUNDING CASE

In passing sentence upon the youth, Mak Acheung. His lordship said that he had given the subject his most careful consideration. The jury had twice recommended the boy to the mercy of the Court and that fact, sithough tending towards mitigation of punishment, could not be regarded as a desire on the part of the jurors that he should not be punished at all. The offence, that of culting and wounding, was one of a very senous nature. The boy, Colleco, might have died from the injuries inflicted on him, and had that been so the prisoner would have been tried for murder. He did not wish to cause such a young boy to be herded in gaol with thieves and vegabonds of various descriptions for a lengthenedperiod so he would simply sentence that at 'the explosion of that time he would hoped that in every much played the best team him to three months' imprisonment. He hoped behave better than hitherto towards his widowed may win. mother who from all accounts, was a most compectable member of society. He had heard

that the prisoner broke out of the Roman Catholic Reformatory some months ago, but as there was no evidence of the truth of the allegation he could no take that into consideration. Had there been proof of the report it would have

carried weight with it in the matter of judgment. The prisoner, who was palpahly moved by the lecture which the Judge read to him, was then removed from the dock to Victoria Gaol.

THE ARSON CASE.

His lordship in passing sentence upon Kum Kwan said that the clearest evidence of a deliberate attempt to set fire to 36, Bridges Street had been ad luced. The prisoner had threatened to "roast them (the inmates of the house) all in the same not" and he certainly tried to do so. He poured kerosene over the stairs and set fire to it, but fortunately the fire was discovered before it had gained much headway. Had the fire not been quenched the result might have been most serious, for the hou e in question was crowded with people who were, with one or two exceptions, sound asleep at the time the prisorer, in a fit of jealousy, attempted to burn the house down. He had no doubt that many fires recurred through jealousy. over women, and it was most difficult to get a conviction owing to lack of sufficient evidence. In this case, however, the police, who got on the track of the prisoner with great promptitude, caught the man with kerosene on his clothes' and the smell of kerosene emitted from the pores next lime Howell saw the prisoner was, on the therefore go to gaol for two years, with hard

This completed the business of the December

THE SINGAPORE CRICKET . CAMPAIGN.

HONGKONG ON THE WAR-PATH.

The termoi cricketers who leave by the English mail steamer Thames for Singapore to-morrow to do battle for Hongkong against the serried array of cricketing talent in the Straits Settlements, may possibly be unable, through the vicissitudes of fickle fortune and the proverbial uncertainty of 'the manly game,' to achieve success, but it is quite certain that, like Sempronius and his pal, one and all will try to deserve it. Confident in the exceptional all-round pro-A. P. Collago, stated the prisoner stabbed ficiency of their representatives, it will certainly prove both a surprise and disappointment to the numerous army of local cricketers if decisive success does not attend the Hongkong ing at the top of the companion. "They called in evid nee for the prosecution and stated that Eleven against any and all combinations of for all the passengers to go up on deck, which our friends in Singapore, (not omitting the Ceylon contingent) can place in the tented field, but we having already tasted the sweets of victory must be equally prepared to face the unpleasant flavour of defeat and in this latter event the Singapore cricketers who visited this colony last season'set us an example worthy of sincere imitation. It will be admitted without argument that an exceptionally strong and representative team has been recruited for the interesting campaign -not quite the best that Hongkong is capable of producing, but dangerously, near it. The name's of Leach, G. S. Coxon, and the brothers Maitland are missing from the list, but the substitutes for these thoroughly sound and reli-

able cricketers are all good men and true, who

will without doubt do credit to their selection and to the colours of the Hongkong Cricket Club: The Club Committee have acted wisely in pitching upon Lieut. Blair for the responsible duties of captain of the team, as he is not only about the best all round cricketer in the Far East, but possesses a thorough knowledge of the game in all its phases. A safe and steady bat, with a keen eye and powerful wrist, the R.E. champion can punish loose bowling almost as freely and with more certainty than the biggest of sloggers; and not only is he a perfect | They there dropped across a number of men fielder, but his slow deliveries with a puzzling breek from the leg, rarely fail to praye deadly when a difficult separation has to be effected. Captain Dunn is another tower of strength; in all probability the best batsman in the term, he is likewise a most dangerous bowler and quite safe in the field. The Singapore players will enjoy a lively time should Dunn and Blair get well set, or in the event of one of this pair happening to strike a lengthy parinership with Lowson, Sercombe Smith, or Buff. Lieut. A. J. Campbell is another brilliant batsman, albelt a triff: uncertaint his style generally, and especially his forward play, is most graceful, and he can hit as hard as the best of them. With fair. luck the Argyll and Sutherland "crack." will pile up a big score, and either behind the wickets, as a change bowler, or in the outfield, he will be found quite at home. There A. Lowson, if he will only be in rather less than his usual hurry to commence active op rations, scoring and tall hitting, dissecting the bowling as it were, can play the game perfectly when he chooses to put the brake on his impetuosity, and he is at all times a most dangerous opponent, placing the ball with unerring accuracy and rarely throwing away a chance. As a bowler the old Edinburgh University trundler, at his best, of the force sent to Sum Chun. has no superior, if any rival, in the Club, and when out fielding he doesn't know, the way to miss a catch. Another capital cricketer at all points is Sercombe-Smith, a determined punisher of loose bowling a difficult bowler to get away with, and an admirable fielder. A player of much similar calibre is C. S. Barff, whose lightning deliveries on a favorable wicket always require a deal of careful negotiation, and rarely fail to prove fatal. As a bateman the impressible 'Charlie' i another of the dangerous uncertainties, like Lowson and Sercombe-Smith, but once "set" to bowling that is not quite superexcellent, this lengthy gentleman has an awkward habit of very frequently getting within easy hail of the coveted three figures in about the shortest time on record. Captain Carden, R.A. has not performed very often in the colony, but his antecedents are good and his style undeniable. A left-handed batsman who plays a steady, reliable game, who can bowl fairly well, and is more than useful in any posi-

tion in the field, must form a very strong element in the team. Another player of whom great things may be expected is E. A. Ram, who hats in good form, hits with surprising hardness for such a little un, and is unsurpassed in the field. That promising young exponent of the popular game, F. Lammert, is likely enough to make several long scores, and although the present writer is personally unacquainted with the form of Lieut. Boyle, he learns from sound authority that this representative of the Royal Artillery is most likely to give a first-rate account of himself. The spare men, Sergt. Clarke and Corporal Rice, are both good cricketers, so that should their assistance be enlisted it may be relied on that they will fully answer the expectations based on their past deeds with the willow. This brief resume will give the Straits

champions a slight notion of the doughty warrion they will have to encounter, and in wishing our boys ! bon woyage and a pleasant time in sunny Singapore, it is to be carnestly

BILL STUMPS. Hongkong, agin Describer, 1840.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY. Mr. Wodehouse continued the laquiry into the circumstances; attending the death of Captain Pocock Mr. Petersen and others, who were killed by pirates on board the British steamship Namon on the 10th instant.

DR. MARQUIS' EVIDENCE. Dr. Marquis said that he held a fost mortem examination on the bodies of the two Europeans killed on the steamer Namoa, namely, Captain Pocock and Mr. Petersen, a passenger. The body of the Captain was that of a man about 55 years of age. There was a bullet wound on his right side below the right breast. The bullet had traversed through the lungs and liver eventually lodging on the spinal column. The bulletwasof the kindused in a "bull-dog" revolver. The abdomen was full of blood and death had been caused by hemorrhage, caused by the wound. The body was in a healthy state except that the lungs showed signs of old pleurisy, and the kidneys were pale. Witness also held a postmortem on the body of another European who was pointed out to him as Mr. Petersen, whose body had three bullet wounds on the left forehead. On his right check there was another wound which may have been caused by the grazing of a revolver bullet or by the blade of a knife. On the upper portion of his left arm there were five bullet wounds, two of which corresponded with two wounds in the left chest caused by bullets which had passed through the min's body and out on the right side. The left collar hone had also been fractured by a bullet which had passed through the blood-vessels and lungs, finally lodging in the abdomen which was ful of blood. The liver and right lung were also incerated. There were also two bullet wounds on the right arm, apparently caused by one bullet. Death had been caused by hemorrhage occasioned by several bullet wounds.

STATEMENT OF A CHINESE PASSENGER.

Yau Ma Shau said he was a trader between Hongkong and Kelt Shik, a village, and was a passenger by the steamship Namoa at the timeshe was pirated. The witness had taken up his quarters on the 'tween decks and had a basket containing 600 taels of silver, a pair of trausers and a pair of shoes with him. About I p.m. he heard some shots fired on the deck and he started to go up but on getting to the companionway he saw a man at the top of the ladder, who shouted out in a threatening way "passengers don't come up!" The man had a revolver in one hand and a sword in the other. Nothing further transpired until about 4 p.m. when several of the pirates came down where the passengers were leaving two or three standthey did one by one, being searched as they passed up; they found nothing on the witness, Afterwards witness, with thirty or forty other passengers was driven to the saloon where ther remained until thenirates left the ship. He though there were about 20 pirates, altogether and they did not fire at or kill any of the passengers who were in sight of him, witness. There were two or three women on board and they were not injured in any way. If any of the pirates were brought before him he could identify the two who searched him, as they were European caps.

The inquiry was then adjourned until Saturday, at 10 o'clock, to await the arrival of the

THE "NAMOA" PIRATES.

.. SUPPOSED TRACES OF PART OF THE GANG.

A week ago, some cattle-dealers who make Hongkong their head-quarters, were passing through the town of Sum Chun after scouring the country in the neighbourhood, of Deep Bay in quest of cattle for the Hongkong market. who were dressed in the height of fashion and living on the fat of the land, whom they had previously known in this Colony under very different circumstances. The change the fortunes of their friends naturally aroused the curiosity of the drovers, and in reply to inquiries they were informed that it was due to the fact that they (the supposed pirates) had made a big haul by their wits, and would be glad if their friends would come and join t'em in a " amborce," then in course of preparation. The dravers willingly assented, and speak in high terms of praise of the lavish hospitality shewn them by their generous entertainers who paid cash down for everything. After the night's revel the cattle dealers took their leave and came on to Hongkong where of course, they heard all about the Namoa piracy cise, and putting two and two together came is no safer run-getter in the Eleven than Dr. J. to the conclusion that the men whom they had met at Sum Chun were a part of the gang, and without loss of time, reported the mattertothe The Doctor, in spite of his predeliction for rapid police. Detectives have been despatched to Sum Chun with written instructions from Canton to the Authorities at that place to the effect that they are to aid the police in every way in their endeavours to capture the suspected men. So far, no information has been received here by the Authorities as to the success, or otherwise

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Hongkeng, 17th September, 1890

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Commercial.

THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, December 20th.

We are glad we are able to report that business for the past week has been very brisk and that some large transactions have been satisfactorily put through. much better feeling has prevailed on the rialto and the tone of the market has been decidedly healthy. A good deal has been done in local stocks and the principal of these are now difficult to get at the closing quotations,-as given in our appended list.

Banks have been largely dealt in 'at 261 per cent. for cash, 265 per cent; for January and 271 per cent. for March but have since eased a little and are strong at 259 per cent. for cash.

New Issue have also been done at \$269 for cash and are now wanted at \$270.

Marines.-Traders are wanted \$65 but there are no shares offering at this figure. Unions and Cantons are also wanted at \$100 and 117 respectively.

A strong demand has set in for Hongkong Fires, and shares are difficult to get even at 3371 for cash. Chinas are also wanted at 88.

Docks.-A very large number of shares have been placed at 84 per cent for cash and are now wanted at 86 per cent. They were also done at 87 and 88 per cent for January 90 per cent for March and 91 per cent. for April: Market closing strong.

Steamboats were done at 36% for cash although there are some anxious inquirers after this stock, they are not willing to pay more than 36 for the present and. holders are waiting for at least half a point better.

Steamships.—Some China and Manilas were done at 136 for March and there are cash sellers at 129. Indo-China's are offering at 271 per cent, discount, Douglas' are wanted ad 47.

Sugar Refineries.—There has been a strong demand for Chinas and sales have been made at 173 for cash." But they are weak on time. Luzons have also improved and sales have been effected at 97 for cash but are now difficult to get at 98.

Ices have been done at 91 and 92 for cash and are now in strong demandat 95. Watsons have improved and sales have heen effected at 221 for cash and 231 for

Hotels: Hongkongs' have been done at 165 and 170 for cash and are now wanted at 175. The other are neglected at quotations.

In Mining Stocks there is little to report. Punjoms are now out of favor at 1.20. Balmorals were done at 11 and further shares can be had at this rate. Selamas were done at 1.70 but are now freely offered at 1.50. There has been a strong demand for Imurls and large sales have been effected at 114 and 12 for cash. 124 and 13 for March but they have since declined to 112 for cash and 121 for March at which rates they are difficult to get-Charbonnages were done at 490 & 500 for

.. In Wharves a very large sale has been effected at 81 for January and since then 84 has been paid for them. They closed steady at 82 for cash.

Tramways were done at 85 for cash and are now offered at 80. Borneo Stocks: Sales have been effected. in these stocks and closed as under.

East Borneo were done at \$12 for cash and closed with sellers at 11.

Songel Royah were done at \$12 for cash and closed with sellers at 10. Labuk Planting were done at 830 for

cash and closed with sellors at 30. Lamage were done at 89 for cash and closed with sellers at 9. China Borneo were done at \$9 for cash

and closed with sellers at 8. H. G. Brown & Co. were done at 62 and further shares are wanted at this rate. Lands were done at gol for each and lare now wanted at 91/

Trust and Loan were done at 194 and 20 for cash and sales at 20% for March. Founders were done at £160 for January and £165 for March.

The following are the closing quotations.

CILING QUOTATIONS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 26r per cent. -- remium, buyers.

Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, New Issue-\$270 per share, buyers. Injon Insurance Society of Canton-463 per

share, huvers Thing Traders' Insurance Company-\$65 per share, buyers. North China Insurance—Tis. 340 per share,

Inton Incurance Company, Limited-\$117 per share, buyers, Vangtare Insurance Association-Tis: 76 per share, buyers. In Tal Insurance Company, Limited-Tis, 150

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company -\$3371 per share, buyers. China Fire Insurance Company-\$88 per share Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company-\$86 per cent. premlum, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. -1361 per share, buyers, China and Mahila Steam Ship Company-129 per share, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company-\$135 per share, sellers. Hongkon- Hot. Company-\$175 per share

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent, Debentures

indo-China Steam Navigation Company. Limited-271 per cent, discount, sellers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$47 per share, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$173 per share, buyers,

Luron Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$98 per share, buyers. Hongkong Ice Company-\$95 per share,

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$80 per share. Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited-\$10 per share, sellers. . S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$22} per share,

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-- 21 per cent. premium, sellers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-11 per cent.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited-\$130 per share, sellers. The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ld-\$25 per share, nominal. Punjom and Sunghie Dria Samantan Mining Co.

-\$2} per share, sellers, The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ld .- \$1.20 pershare, Imuris Mining Co., Ld .- \$11f per share, sellers. The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$12 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company-\$82 per share, buyers. Tonquin, Coal Mining Co.-\$500 per share, The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co.,

Limited-180 per share, sales. The East Bomeo Planting Co., Limited-\$11 per share, buvers. H. G. Brown & Co., Ld. -362 per share, sellers. The Songel Kovah Planting Co., Ld.-\$11 per

share buyers. rnickshank&Co., Ld. -\$40 per share, nom. The Steam Launch Co., Limited-nominal. The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ld. -ço ner cent. dis., sellers. The China-Borneo Co., Ld.-\$8 per

The Hongkong Brick and Cement. Co., Ld .-. \$19 per share, sellers. The Green Island Cement Co. -\$20 per share, The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ed .- \$91

per share, buyers. The Hangkong Electric Light Co., Ld.-\$78 ner abare, sellers. Too Francisk & Co., Limited-\$22 per share, The West Point Buildings Co., Ld. \$30 per The Peak Wotel and Trading Co., Ld.-\$20 per

ra- 1, 194 Planting Co., Ld. -\$35 per share, The Lamag Planting Co., Ld. -\$9 'per share, The felabu Mining and Trading Co. Ld. -\$2 per share sellers. The Selams Tin Mining Co., Ld. -\$1.50 per share, sellers

the Shameen Hotel Co., Ld.-nominal The Karrings Land Investment Co., Ld.-\$15 per share sellers. The Tries and Loan Co, of China and Japan,-\$194 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Marina, Limited-par, nominal.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. 23rd December, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

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24th December, 1890 .-- At 10 n.m.

The hypmeter is rising. Gradients are slight for north-wes winds. Weather cloudy, warm and damp, with slight rain in some places, dissued at 10,48 a.m.) -Liarometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredits, s-Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahresheit. 3—Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with mulature being 100. 4—Direction of the wind to two points. 5.—Force of the wind according to lieaufort scale. 6—State of the weather; 5 Blue sky, c Detached clouds, & Drixiling rain, / Pog. & Gloomy, A Hall, I Lightning, Overcust, Passing showers, o Squally; * Rain, r Snow, r Thunder, p Visibility, p Dow wat), 7—Rain to inches, tenths and hundredths.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

fongkong Observatory, 24th December, 1890.

ANTONIO, British steamer, 1,214. F. Marshall, 23rd Dec.,-Nagasaki 18th Dec., Coals.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co. AVOCHIE, British steamer, 1,053, T. Rowin,

10th Dec .- Kutchinotzu ruth Dec., Coals. -A. G. Morris. CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,346, J. E. Williams, 18th Dec., -Sydney 27th Nov., 1 Townsville and Dec., Cooktown 3rd, and Thursday Island 6th, Coals, &c .- Butter-

field & Swire. CHINA, German steamer, 1,097, P. Voss, 21st Dec .. Saigon 16th Dec., Rice, Paddy, and General.-Ed, Schellhass & Co.

DEVAYONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, P. H. Loff, 23rd Dec.,-Bangkok 16th Dec., and Anghing 17th, Timber, Rice, and General,-YYuen Fat Hong.

FIDELIO, German steamer, 852, H. Brorsen, 16th Dec.,-Saigon 10th Dec., General,-Melchers & Co. GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 3.020, M.

Eichel, 20th Dec.,-Yokohama 10th Dec., Mails and General.-Melchers & Co FAILOONG, British stehmer, 783, Roach, 23rd December,-Tamsui gh Dre., Amoy 20th, and Swatow zand, General.-D. Lapraik KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,240. R

Pender, 7th Dec .- Kutchino'su and Dec., Coals .- Geo. R. Stevens & Co. LORD BANGOR, British steamer, 1,911, H. Magill, 3rd Nov .- Karatsu 28th October, Coals. -

Captain. MOGUL, British steamer, 1,827, J. Johnston, 11th Dec. - Karatsu 7th Dec., Coal -- Adamson, Beil & Co. PALAMED, British steamer, 1,480, C. Jackson,

15th Dec .- Shanghai 12th Dec., Rice and General -Butterfield & Swire. PARTHIA, British steamer, 2,035, John Panton, 18th Dec ..- Vancouver, B.C., 20th Nov., Yokobama 10th Dec., Kobe 12th, and

Nagasaki 15th, Flour and General .- Adamson, Bell & Co. PEMBROKESHIRE, British steamer, 1,716, Dancaster, 17th Nov.,-Singapore 7th Nov., General -- Adamson, Bell & Co. PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer,

1,012, A. Benton, 26th Nov.,-Bangkok 18th Nov., and Anghing 19th, Rice and General.-Yuen Fat Hong. TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 21st Dec., -Bangkok 14th Dec., and Anghia

General.-Yuen Fat Hong. TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,587. Breitung. 23rd Dec ,-Tegal (Java): 13th Dec., Sugar. -Jardine, Matheson & Co. THANCE AV, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec.,-Haiphong 27th Dec.,

Ballast.-Chinese. THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 3rd December,-Taiwanfoo 29th Nov., Amoy 1st December, and Swatow and, General.-

D. Lapraik & Co.

SAILING VESSELS. ALTAIR, British bark, 379, Munro, 22nd Dec.,-Cebu 4th Dec., Sugar, Hides and Bones .-Wieler & Co. ARCHOS, British barque, 458, C. Hansen, 9th

Dec.,-Amoy 6th December, Beans,-Captain. BASUTO, British bark, 362, Petersen, 10th Dec., -Amoy 8th Dec., Beans and General BETHERN. British schooner, 400, J. Stronoch, 18th Dec.,-Freemantle, W.A., 20th Oct.,

Sandalwood.-Order. CHARON WATTANA, Siamese bark, 656, W. L. Cain, 1st Sept,-Wah Hin 13th August, Timber and Sapanwood, -Captain; CHAS. G. WILSON, American schooner, 56, J. N. Melander, 19th Dec., -Yap (Caroline Island)

oth Dec., General.-Captain COLUMBUS, German bark, 1,428, L. Haesloop, 11th Dec., Cardiff 29th July, Coal, -Melchers & Co. DON JUSTO, American bark, 746, B. Neilson, 30th Nov.,-Amoy 26th Nov., Ballast .-

ELMHURST, British ship, 1,712, John Mackensle, .3rd Dec.,-Cardiff 23rd July, Coal.-Adamson, Bell & Co. JAPAN, Peruvian bark, 198, M. Janila, 17th Nov.,-Callao (Peru) 30th August, General.

Russell & Co. '

-Gonsalves & Co. KAMBRILA, British ship, 1,952, J. J. Bowell, 27th October,-Singapore 11th Oct., Timber.-Captain.

K. Nilsson, British brig, 280, C. Boysen, 10th Dec.,-Amoy 8th December, General,-LOTHAIR, British bark, 793, Thos. G. Grans, 2nd Dec.,-Chefoo 22nd Nov., Genera',-Gibb,

Livingston & Co. L. HAGEN, German bark, 503, O. Busch, 6th Dec.,-Amoy 4th December, General,-Wieler & Co.

Modoc, American bark, 430, P. Borck, 20th Dec.,-Whampoa 19th Dec., General,-NANDIMO, British steamer, 397, Otter, 10th Dec.-Newchwang and Amoy, 8th Dec.,

Beaus .- Jardine, Matheson & Co. SANTA CRUZ, British schooner, 920, D. D. O'Keefe, 20th Nov.,-Pellew Islands 11th Nov., General.-Wieler & Co. SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A.

Muniatgin, 4th July,—Salgon 27th June, Rica.—Captalu. SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,288, Chas. Zibbels, 30th October,-New York 24th May, Kerosene Oil.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ST. NICHOLAS, American ship, 1,723, Fr Carver 16th Nov.,-New York 29th June, Kerosene Oil .- Order. TA Hongkong, Siamese ship, 654, N. Steinbring, 6th Dec., Bangkok 21st Nov., General .-- Chinese.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 25th Nov.,-Honolulu 21st October, General,-Chinese.

December, 1890, the wife of A.G. GORDON, of a

FORMI ONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

THE VALUE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN HONGKONG.

ONR of the greatest, as it is the most appropriate name termed public opinion. This is a confirmed article of faith, an almost universal fetish; from the head of who is responsible for the comical and appointing unofficial legislative councillors, yet, so far as the British community the last important station that is still -as we have said, it is, a popular delusion, stitutional fetters. The same argument There are no well-defined "classes" in applies, if in a lesser degree, to the members and file of the once all-powerful but now none outside the Chinese, and the potent keeping with the spirit of the times, just Next season will probably show better political criminals of all countries, and it measurement and registration of the lots shall vox populi of the ancient Romans is sprung into existence for the purpose of results, and the opening of the two new consequently as dead as Queen ANNE. As protecting the interests of that influential hotels and reduced house rents in the the members of the lower middle class are body. The formation of a Political Club, higher levels cannot fail to prove advanto a very great extent dependent for their or Society would present no insuperable tageous. However, we would strongly notice in this colony. worldly success on the patronage and support of the influential 'upper house,' ment would probably obtain within a few reduced-fare principle a reasonable trial and scarcely can say that their souls are their own without giving grievous offence to their patrons, it has come to pass that, any political views as to rights of citizenship, or ideas of manly independence they may have once believed in, have been crushed out; the soothing influence of the almighty dollar has achieved a most decisive and notable victory. The actual situation is therefore easy to define; there is only the dominant class recognised in the colony as having any rights or privileges whatever-beyond that doubtful privilege of being graciously permitted to paya most outrageous taxation, -which the lower orders equally enjoy, so that. personal desires of the three or four wirepullers who effectually control the rest of Nous Autres; form that convenient excuse

omission-so-called public opinion. All that we have just set down is perfectly well known, and although the position is rather an ignoble one, it is nevertheless generally submitted to with a fairly good grace, on the principle that what cannot be cured must be endured. There are naturally some unruly dissentients; but these are supercillously regarded as iconoclasts, rabid advocates of the universal rights of man, opponents of the one law for the rich and another for the poor theory and practice, believers in the equal claims of all tax-payers to the recognised privileges of citizenshipand are accordingly marked 'dangerous' . If it is the case, as we contend, that public, opinion has no tangible existence—outside occasional independent press utterances, it must necessarily follow that local institutions such as the Legislative Council and the Sanitary Board, which are supposed to reflect that opinion, are very inadequate representatives of the citizens and the colony's interests. And that is the precise impression we wish to convey to our readers. The official class in matters political represent the Government alone; the public welfare, or what is definite, and their positions, however much provement, in this respect in the near, future them to earth -taking this last phrate in such matters, politely, but none the less in need of amendment, are at least may be relied on with some confidence. | a literal sense. We rarely hear of an plainly indicated that he did not believe comprehensible. It is not so with the un- The gross receipts for the twelve months unsuccessful outbreak against the Chinese that his exemple could possibly have Excellency Sir G. William Dix Voux R.C.M.G. official representatives cach member total \$25,203.20, which at first sight seems suthorities in the Liang Kwang or Pohkien almost doubled the estimated cost of the has resumed the duties of Governor and Commust be credited with working as he a fairly large return for the Company's provinces that is not shortly followed by building. And then the Chairman of the considers best for the common end, but small capital; but when it is found that the arrest in this colony at the freest in the freest in this colony at the freest in the as a body they have no recognised almost the whole of this is eaten up by the Viceroy of Canton of one for more, the discussion of all organization, no defined duties or obligate working expenses which aggregate alleged notorious murderers and pirates, and Might wer suggest to Mr. Whitesan tions either to the general public or to each | 824 170.21 and leave a nominal net profit whose delence invariably it that they and his edite guess that a question in the

for so many errors of commission and

At "Dunford," Mount Kellet, on the 23rd perhaps, be found in the case of of a very strong Chinese public opinion net profit (so-called) of \$1,032.99 there were actually political oftenders and in our midst has been sufficiently is what is actually a set-off of no nothing more; have been after a one-sided demonstrated in the past to admit of any less than \$8,324.23 for repairs to the line, investigation before the magistrate that doubt now, and as Dr. Ho Kar is the duly | necessitated by a landslip in May of last was a complete farce, delivered up to elected representative of his nationals, his year, which has been dealt with as an certain death on evidence that was palpaposition in the councils of the colony is as asset and placed to Suspense a/c instead bly trumped up, referring to crimes that unique as it is gratifying to Chinese of to the debit of Working a/c. Whether in all probability never were committed. aspirations. Members of the Legislative or not an appreciable reduction in working Appeals to the Supreme Court for an order Council nominated by the Government expenses can be made practicable is a of habeas torpus have occasionally been without reference to the wishes of the matter for the consideration of those made at the instance of solicitors who felt community may or may not prove reliable immmediately interested, and no doubt safeguards of public versus official or the shareholders, with the detailed items popular defusion in this colony, is what is purely personal interests; but in any case for their guidance and a thorough of law and justice by the magistrate; but conveniently, and for lack of a more they are not the elect of the rate-payers, acquaintance with the requirements of and it will hardly be denied that this is a the traffic, are in a position to arrive and it has now apparently been recognised very singular anomaly in these levelling at some definite decision. An efficient attheubest plan, after the committal, to and enlightened days. The necessity for staff is a sine que non for an enterprise of the Government down to the petty scribbler the right of Government nomination in this kind, and it is always false attempt to assert the special claim of strangely diluted productions which the lif it ever really existed, has no longer any readers of the Daily Press have to swallow raison d'tire even in Crown colonies; and as editorials with the matutinal bloater; we believe that Hongkong is; absolutely is concerned, it has no tangible existence. burdened with these galling and uncon-Hongkong, as is the case in any English of Council elected respectively by the town of similar size, to form that important Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of of a Consulting Committee and one political and social factor which at home Commerce. They may represent the so greatly influences, if it does not actually | views of these two institutions, but that direct, the machine of local government, does not mean that they must also of In fact, to put the matter in the plainest necessity equally represent the general words, there is only one class here that community. The ipu dixit of Governor is permitted to represent anything or Bowen, that this method of selection was anybody, and its members have acquired, the only form of popular election practicafter years of experience, the happy able in Hongkong, was like a great many * knack of carefully and most effectually more of that foolish old gentleman's frothy representing themselves collectively, and | enunciations, a compound of inexcusable their respective interests individually, ignorance and careless misrepresenta-Hongkong has a self-constituted sort of tion. It had the effect, however, of political upper class of limited dimensions, introducing a baneful "class" system comprising the leading merchants, two or in our local government which would caused by the landslip in May, 1889; three bank managers and wealthy land- not have been tolerated elsewhere, and owing to lack of available funds and the owners, some few high-toned stock of swamping the natural and legitimate uncertainty of the law, they cannot recombrokers and general "jobbers," and Mr. aspirations of the community for an mend that a suit be proceeded with. Such JNO. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., a numerous middle- elective Municipal Council like those class, which includes store-keepers, the in other colonies, to manage all local astonish both shareholders and the general legal and medical practitioners, the affairs. The time is now ripe for important public, especially as one of the members · drudges of the Fourth Estate, architects reforms in this direction, and the return to of the Consulting Committee is a solicitor and surveyors, commission agents and the colony of Governor has Voux is a auctioneers, the unclassed array of clerks | fitting opportunity to begin the good work. | it is sound advice. Success or failure and what are called assistants, the rank There is sufficient influence, ability and energy amongst the despised middle Company made defendant in the suit greatly depreciated army of sharebrokers, lower class to effect any measure of reason- We think a wise policy has been a limited number of resident engineers, able reform against all opposition, if these followed in not holding out any bright shipwrights, etc., a variety of hotel and | qualities are only properly applied. We | hopes as to future prospects, although inn-keepers, and persons engaged in have debating, literary and other societies in our opinion better times are in store. several other occupations. Of the real flourishing in four midst; we have lately Last summer was a very unfavorable one seen a Marine Officers' Association become for the Peak generally, and as the Peak as to law or as to fact." This important sinew" of the British nation according to a power in the colony; and a powerful Hotel was closed there was really very fervid orators at election times, we have Institution of Marine Engineers has, in little inducement to take visitors "top-side."

> THE HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAY COMPANY.

the many, will probably 'sleep on' for

most uncertain foundation. A few weeks tions as to time and place and the personnel voting for, and his query-Whether there after the Company first commenced opera- of the dramatis persona listened to from was any risk of Mr. Chapwick's plans tions the success was reported to be so | nondescript Chinese witnesses who in nine |; being departed from, now that that expert astonishing that in a very short space of cases out of ten are arrant liars. The had left the colony) was, in light of past time the shares were quoted in the local form of procedure rarely varies and the experiences, very much to the point, And cent, premium, and it is almost superfluous to as closely as his Worship knows how resident engineer would not be justified in to say that the golden opportunity was not | and as special directions from Government | altering or modifying the plant, and the lost of making hay, while the sun was House will allow, but the end is always the I not generally known information that Mr. business prospects of the Tramway Com- of the paid hirelings of unscrupulous, man- engineer at home "in connection with this and ruthlessly stamped out of existence pany are concerned, there has been no darins, is consigned to gaol to wait the work, Mr. WHITEHEAD did not labour in residents in the Peak districts, and we lingly handed over in Hongkong harbour, believe that the calculations of the promo- chained to the deck of one of the Viceroy's iters were chiefly based on this source of cruisers, conveyed post haste to Canton, visitors being necessarily a changeable liminaries to popular with the vindicators and uncertain element. ... So, far as we can of outraged Celestial laws, the little learn there has not been such a great tragedy ends in that filthy potter's yard diminution of the number of bill residents | popularly known as the Execution Ground.

other, and in fact there is no actual bond of only \$1,032.99 the evident conclusion were concerned in an insurrection of rising Legislative Council would bring country the

probable gross profits. That this is so is taken place. There is no manner economy to under-pay capable employes; political offenders. per annum for salaries and wages, or a does seem very heavy. The General Managers' commission of \$1,259.26-five per cent. on the gross receipts-is a considerable item, and under the circumstances 9850 for fees to the members Auditor will probably be considered excessive. It is difficult to estimate Charges account (\$2,122.12), Coals and Stores (3.746.34), and Maintenance and Repairs: (\$2,591.20), but we do not hesitate to say that an impost of \$906 as Police rates, for what is really a public benefit, is scandalously exorbitant, and ought to be made the subject of special representa-

tions to the Government. The General Managers and Committee have been advised that the Company has a good case to legally recover the outlay a recommendation as this may well practising in the colony; but likely enough would greatly depend on who the difficulties, and under capable manage- urge the Consulting Committee to give the months important measures of reform that at the first favorable opportunity. Present the Government, if left to itself and the rates are simply exorbitant, and in an influences of the favored few who are at enterprise of this sort popular prices are present enjoying privileges that belong to the secret of success,

EXTRADITION ANOMALIES.

these sweeping assertions may, percentage of cost of up-keep to the murders and piracies were said to have further indicated by the fact, that against a doubt that in many instances men who dissatisfied with a more than ordinary disregard of evidence and the principles rarely, indeed with any encouraging success Submit to the inevitable without any further

but nevertheless an outlay of over \$11,000 | 1 An appeal recently decided in England is worthy of some attention here, monthly average of about \$920, certainly considering the frequency of extradition cases, and especially as it is substantially on all fours with a local case that attracted considerable attention a few years back in which a Chinese doctor, who headed an insurrection in the Swatow district, was delivered up by the Hongkong Government and beheaded at Canton Last September an armed insurrection occured at Bellinzona, in the Swiss canton o Ticino, and in attacking the palace some shots were fired-one of which, attributed to a man named Castioni, killed M. Rossi a Member of the Council. Castioni, on the suppression of the insurrection, escaped to London, and a demand for his extradition was made by the Swiss Government. The practice in Hongkong is the practice in England; a magisterial inquiry took place, the result of which was that the magistrate, Mr. Lusuington, granted an order for the man's extradition. This was appealed against, and on November 11th a unanimous judgment was given by Justice DENMAN, HAWKINS, and STRPHEN, overruling the magistrate's decision, and ordering Castioni's release. The basis of the judgment was simply that no fugitive

criminal who has taken refuge under the British flag shall be delivered up if his offence is one of a political character. Even assuming that Castioni'fired the fatal shot that killed Rossr, it was clear enough that it was a political offence and not an ordinary case of homicide. As Mr. Justice HAWKINS observed-"the magistrate's decision was by no means sufficient either judgment establishes beyond doubt that British territory is still a safe refuge for should not be lost sight of in dealing with the by far too numerous extradition cases which are constantly attracting public

> THE OUERIES OF THE UNOFFICIALS.

The unofficial members, of the Legislative Council, are doing useful service to the community in Finance Committee by insisting on all necessary details and explanations being supplied before giving their sanction to large votes for projected CHINESE extradition cases form the greatest | Public Works. And of late they have difficulty experienced by our local Police been making inquiries as to certain heavy THE recently published Report and Magistrates in the performance of their by items of expenditure in the not very far Statement of Accounts of the Hongkong no means arduous duties. And although distant past, which are also calculated to High-level Tramway Company, Limited, this difficulty is not generally of a strictly do good. Mr. T. H. WHITEHEAD, who for the year ended the 30th November | legal character, it is none the less trouble- has been especially prominent in this last, show results that cannot but be some, and is rarely solved to the complete direction, asked some very pertinent considered depressingly unsatisfactory. satisfaction either of the magistrate him- questions at a meeting held on the 15th And these results must be greatly intensi- self or of those of the outside public in linstant regarding the very important fied to bond fide shareholders, who invested any way interested in the proceedings. question of the new water mains and their money, in what appeared on the These extradition cases in the vast distributory system of Victoria water-works surface to be one of the most useful and | majority of instances very closely resemble | recommended by Mr. O. CHADWICK, for legitimate industrial enterprises that had each other; the old familiar ground has to which a vote of \$70,000 was asked to ever been started in Hongkong, on repre- be travelled over and over again, and meet the estimated expenditure for 1891, sentations which appear, not to use any the same tragic stories of blood and rapine, The honorable member was naturally harsher term, to have been based on a murder and piracy, with but slight altera- desirous of knowing what he was actually market at from four to five hundred per results never. .. International law is stuck as it elicited a reply to the effect that the at its Zenith, by the original promoters same—the unfortunate wretch, whose fate Chapwick was in receipt of £300 per of the concern. So far as the actual is too often decided by the false testimony annum from the colony as "consulting whenever a favorable chance occurs. But appreciable change from the day it was Governor's instructions; the Governor's vain. But something still more important started up till now. Reliance was placed Instructions invariably are to deliver him resulted from his inquiry, something that is for a steady incomes from permanent up to the Chinese authorities; he is accord- calculated to profoundly astonish those who already employed in connection therewith and have taken any interest in the past achieve | others are being engaged. ments of the talented staff of the Public Worksdepartment, The Surveyor General revenue, the outside traffic from casual and after the usual blood-curdling pre- commilled himself to the astounding state- Onesiphorus Luxion servant. As soon as they ment that the increased cost over estimates are able to trivel from the scene of the wreck of the new Central School-Sir Toady Bowxnia vaunted Victoria Collego-was "owing to the foundations of the building as to transform a prospective profit into | . Hongkong is unfortunately situated in having turned out a great deal worse than what can only be regarded as a rather being so easily within reach of Chinese was expected "-- "provision was not made serious loss, so it would appear that a criminals as a haven of refuge. The in the estimates for such a bad foundation supposed to be the public welfare, is no mistake was originally made in drawing out misfortune, of course, is the colony's; as was found when the ground was opened doubt the goal to be reached, but apart a prospective balance sheet. That there the advantage of the position is distinctly up." Mr. Brown, on being catechised by Kerwick, that no decision be arrived at with from all personal ideas the officials must has been for the past year a great failing with the Chinese authorities, whose Dr. Ho Kar ha to how the foundations. reach that goal in exact accordance with off if the casual visitors' traffic cannot elaborate upy system enables them; to turned out worse than expected, regretted. their instructions. They are allowed no be doubted; but for this drawback there keep on the track of all dangerous he couldn't make his words any clearer," latitude whatever; but whether the policy are intelligible causes, and there is every offenders and with the assistance of the and practically collapsed when Mr. Charge, the Hon; Secretary should invite suggestions, to is good or bad, they represent something reason to suppose that a substantial im Hongkong Government, to eventually run speaking from an extensive experience of be received not later than the 3rd January

of union between them and the yast to be arrived at is that someone has against the Government but that they required information about the Central majority of ratespayers. An exception | blundered grievously in estimating the never were near the visitity where the Soliding economic its Leculars seemed the called in Registeria Charact with the entired by the pick of his study

would bring out something and set the public mind at rest! And we would likewise suggest that the history of the new Police Station at Kenneuy Town would interest the rate-payers.

> EARLY HISTORY OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

We have now seen the manner in which the colony was founded as a British possession on on the 25th of January 1841, and how with the issue of the Government "Gazette," (Nos. 1 and 3, responsible government was established. It yet remains to be known how, when, and in what way, Hongkong was declared a free port. can be learned by a perusal of the subjoined proclamation issued under the hand and seal of Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary, Capt. Charles Elliot, R.N. A PROCERMATION.

"It is hereby declared to the merchants; and traders of Canton and all parts of the emi that they and their ships have fice permis to resort to and trade at the port of Hongkong, where they will receive full protection from the high officers, of the British nation." Hongkong being on the shores, of the Chinese empire, there will be no charges on imports and exports payable to the British Government. And it is further clearly declared, that there will be an immediate embargo upon the port of Canton and all the large ports of the empire, there be the least obstruction to the freedom of Hongkong. Persons bringing information to the British officers which shall lead to the detection of pirates will be liberally rewarded, and the pirates will be taken and delivered over to the officers of the Chinese Government for punishment. Done at Macao, this 7th day of June,

FIRST LAND SALIS. The first public land sales took place in June

1841, under the following conditions:i. Upon a careful examination of the ground, has been found impossible to put up the number of lots named in the governmental advertisement of the 7th instant, so only 40 lots, having sea frontage of 100 feet each, can at present be offered for sale. These lots will all be on the seaward-side of the road. Lots on the land-side of the road, and hill and suburban lots in general, it will yet require some time to mark out.

2. Each lot will have a sea-frontage of 100 feet, nearly. The depth from the sea to the road will necessarily vary considerably. The actual extent of each lot, as nearly as it has been possible to ascertain it, will be declared on the ground. And parties will also have the opportuntity of observing the extent of the lots for themselves.

. The biddings are to be for annual rate of quit-rent, and shall be made in pounds sterling the dollar, in all payments, to be computed at the rate of 4s. 4d. The upset price will be £10 for each lot, the biddings to advance by ros, each bid

4. Each lot having been knocked down to the highest bidder, he will receive an acknowledgment that he is the purchaser of the lot; and this acknowledgment will be exchanged for a more formal title as soon as the precise

5. Upon delivery of the titles, (deeds) purchasers will be called on to pay the rent for the first year, reckoning from the date of sale. 6. They will also be required to crect upon each

lot a building of the appraised value of \$1,000 or to incur upon the land an outlay to that smount within a period of six months from the TAKE a long breath, gentle reader, for what is this engagement a deposit of \$500 shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer or the superintendents within one week from the day of sale -the deposit being repayable as soon as an equal amount shall have been expended. compliance with these terms will incur forfeiture of the deposi- and allotment.

J. ROBT. MORRISON. Acting Sec. and Treas. to the Superintendents of Trade. to 17,000 square feet per lot; were knocked down.

at the first sales at an average price of eight pence per aquare foot rebellious (England being considered by the Chinese, at that time, as a tributary State, the word rebel was applied by our Celestial enemies with more or less reason) subjects, is to be waged without mercy, at all points, and by, all means was the decree that went forth from the one man occuping the Dragon Throne.

(To be continued)

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

JAPANESE, papers report that Sir Edwin an Miss Arnold arrived at Kyoto on the 10th inst.

THE Shanghal Mercury hears that Lord Salis bury has accepted Mr. P. J. Hughes's resignation and that he will probably leave Shaughai about March next. The promotion of Mr. Chilones Alabaster, of Canton, appears to be nigh.

A RUMOUR is "going the rounds" in Shangha to the effect that the authorities at Tokyo Arsenal are burrying on the manufacture of 100,000 Muratarifles. About 1,800 mechanics are

THE names of the H.M.S. Serbent survivors are Gould, leading seaman; Burton, A. B.; and they are to be taken to England and there be placed, technically, under arrest until the conclusion of the court-martial.

A MEETING of the Jubilee Committee was held. at the City Hell on Saturday last, at which Sir. James Russell, K.C.M.G. presided. It was, decided, upon the motion of the Hon. I. regard to the form which the permanent Jubilee memorial should take until the community had had a further opportunity of considering the matter, and it was arranged that.

A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE Extraordinary issued late this evening (23rd insta) unnounces that his mander-in-Chief of this Colony, Mr. E. Fleming

HE monthly settlement, although an excepti mally large one, has, we are glad 'to 'learn, passed off most satisfactorily, and husiness on the Rialto is now healthier and of a more solid n ture than it has been for a long time past. The lesson taught the local would-be Jay Goulds in the golden ora of '89 when fortunes were made. and lost in aday—on paper—has evidently been laid to heart - Expertus metuil.

THE Secretary of the Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, received the following telegram from the Company's agent at 4 p.m. on the 23rd inst .: - Sydney, 23rd December, 2.38 p.m. The three tons of pyrites have produced 60 ozs. 16 dwts. of gold; nothing will now be done until after the holidays," This refers to the three tons of pyrites from the crushing, reported by telegram on the 16th inst;"

THE regular meeting of Lodge "Victoria," No. 1,025. C.C., was held last evening (12nd inst.) in the Free Masons' Hall, Zetland Street, when Wor. Bro. J. M'Leavy Brown was installed in the Chair by the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. P. Chater, and the District Grand Lodge officer. The following officers were invested by the War. Master !-

Bro. WatsonSenior Warden Dyer Bill Junior Warden Wor. Bro. RayTreasurer . A. O'D. Gourdin ... Secretary to, GraceSenior Deacon HunterJunior Newton Director of Ceremonics PottsInner Guard

Grimble.....Tyler,

Says the Bangkok Times:-Having now had time to wide through the evidence in the late. conspirey case at Hongkong, as reported in the Hongkong papers, we full to see on what part of it the four jurymen founded their verdict of "guilty" against the defendants, and what is more, the verdict is, in our opinion, decidedly against the Judge's summing up of the case. In these circumstances there is ground for a new trial, and we hope to hear later on, that in the cause of justice, the friends of the two gentlemen who have been thus made the victims of either prejudice or partiality, will take steps to stay execution of judgment and have the case tried anew. We could tell our esteemed contemporary -and the day is not far distant when we shall .-The triumph of Judas Iscariot was of but short . duration and history repeats itself!

DURING the past fortnight rice has been pouring into Canton. It is chiefly imported from Wuhu where, owing to the unusually bountiful first and second crops, the price is down lower than has been known for many years. The drought still continues in the province of Kwang-tung and has now resulted in the utter failure of the second crop; hence the ever-increasing demand for the "staple of Chinese life," from northern ports, At Bangkok, too, the prospects for the masses are by no means bright owing to the partial failufe of the autumn crops. The "Sban" line and other steamers coming up from Bangkok and Saigon continue, however, to bring una good deal- of rice, which is forwarded on to Canton to meet the demand of the Authorities, who are accumulating vast stocks of, it, with a view to alleviating the distress which is sure to be widespread throughout the province during the latter part of the present winterand early spring. Best rice is now fetching \$7.65 per picul at the "City of Rams," while the quotation for first quality, here is \$2.55, and for seconds \$2.15

date of sale. As security for the performance of to follow can only be swallowed in sections. The much travelled Mr. Henry Norman has returned home and is making his cratwhile confreres green with jealousy, by the free-andeasy manner in which he speaks of the wonders of the world, and of Oriental potentates in particular. In reply to an interviewer he has had the cool impertinence to deliver himself thus :- "The Chinaman-don't speak of him. Sometimes he is simply horrible, and one meets ' Chinese that one can hardly accept Several large lots of land, ranging from 500 as human beings. The Chinaman and the mosquito are the two great mysteries, of creation." In reply as to what was the most Interesting, Mr. Norman said :- "The most In the next chapter we shall give some parti- interesting events were the volcanic explosion culars of the war spirit prevailing amongst the in Japan and the cock-fighting in Manila; the Chinese shortly after our occupation of this most interesting localities were the Great Wall island. "War against Queen Victoria and her fof China, the Tongking-Chinese frontier, and San Francisco; the most interesting experiences were the revels at Bang-pa-in, the summer palace of the King of Slam, and thedances at Soul the capital of Korea; the most interesting men were Lord Landowne and Sir Robert Hart; the most interesting place was Temoh." NOMINATIONS for the Hongkong Derby of

1801 close to the Clerks of the Course at the Hongkong Club on Saturday next, the 27th inst. The conditions, detailed in an advertisement in another part of this issue, are exactly the same as of late years, "It is to be hoped; however. that by next season something will be done by the active members of the Jockey Club to make i what sought a to A be the most interesting sporting event of the year, more in keeping with the altered character of modern racing. The present added money-\$100 for first and \$50 for second pony-is simply absurd in these days of big stakes and highpriced racers, "A'sum of at least \$500 for the winner, with \$200 for the second and \$100 for the third, should be added from the Fund, and the whole of the subscriptions ought also to go to the winner. The Jockey Club can well afford to give a great deal more idded money than has been the practice, and it only requires owners and active supporters of racing to combine and move in this matter in order to ebtain the desired alterations. In another point the conditions for the Hongkong Derby are faulty. and this is in making the standard weight lost. tolb., without regard to the height of the pony, instead of weight, for inches as per scale. A standard weight, as has been urged, may be equally fair to all parties concerned, but it is certainly not fair to the interests of true sport. To put a 12.3 and a 13.4 pony in at even weights over a mile-and-a-half journey, is ridiculous. Entertainer would probably have won the Derby last season under any circumstances, but it must not be lorgotten that he actually carried 111b. under his proper weight, an advantage which racing experts can thoroughly appreciate, From what we can learn there is likely to be a strong opposition for the forthcoming Derby, and although the highly-tried Royalty, appears. to stand out far abead of any of the dark ones." experienced opinions in Shanghai are much divided as to the merits of Mr. Buxey's " crack." The Ewo stable is said to have a strong hand in griffing, and our latest advices from the M. Deane, remines the office of Captain-Super- | dates will be furnished from Mr. Sassoon's Intendent of Police, his unofficial scate) on the powerful contingent. "Wayloong's " sporting Executive and Legislative Conocils and the Vice- | representative is also credited with possessing Presidency of the Sanitary Board, and Major- Lacyeral flyers, of the first water, and it is General Gordon becomes Superintendent of the I presumed that should Mr. Forbes of Tientain Gaol. It is also announced that Mr. J. H. Stewart | elect to trythis luck in Happy Valley, his coleurs

ADMIRAL Belknap, U.S.N., is expected at Shanghai, with his flagship, the Omaka, on the rumour of an intention on the part of the Monday the 22nd instant.

WE are glad to hear that Messrs. George R. Stevens & Co. have, received a tel gram from the Head Office of the Nippon Yusen Kalsha on the 20th inst., reporting that the Company's steamer Harima Maru, which was ashore off the west coast of Japan, has been floated and towed to Yokosuka Dock.

THE Shanghai Mercury hears that the penalty enjoined in the contract between the Chinese Government and the French syndicate, for any delay or failure to deliver over the dock and other works at Port Arthur within the stipulated time, and which would amount to some Tis. 75,000, has been remitted by the Chinese Government upon the application of the Provincial Treasurer Chou-fu.

THE British surveying ship Egeria, Captain A. M. Field, which arrived in port on the 19th inst. from Singapore, reports as follows:-"Left Singapore on the 27th ultimo. Carried fine weather to Labuan, and thence had strong N.E. trades to Manila. Doop sea soundings were taken throughout the passage. An able seaman. named John Heathman, died during the voyage from Manila to Hongkong."

IT is reported that the Tapanese Government has negotiated a Special Convention with Korea by which the latter will, from the 1st of January 1891, allow the export of red ginseng, hitherto a prohibited article, upon payment of a duty of 20 per cent ad valorem. China, it is rumoured in the "Land of Morning Calm," has forbidden Korea to exchange the ratification of the Convention with the Japanese special envoy who is now sojourning in the Korean

the Formosa Trading Co., has got leave for a time and will be relieved by Mr. Tsai Ying-wel, the late Director of the Coal Mine Syndicate. We hope that the Coal Mine Syndicate will receive Imperial sanction yet, and that that is the reason for keeping Mr. Tsal engaged here.

On Thursday night last, a gentleman of the name of Campbell, after having gazed long and carnestly on the wine while it was red enscanced himself in an outside chair as comfortably as circumstances would, permit and went off to sleep. Some hours afterwards he was surto find himself in Happy Valley, minus his watch, a diamond ring, some money, the whole amounting to about \$100. The "Peelers" are on the scent, as usual; and that's just about as far as they will get, probably. In the meantime this should be a warning to those confiding individuals who put such faith in the honesty of chair coolies.

In our issue of the 16th inst. we published paragraph reflecting in no measured terms on the management of the China and Japan Telephone Company. The lecal Agent (Mr. A. Sandford) called upon us in consequence, and on being supplied with the necessary information as to the nature of our complaints, made a thorough investigation into the matter and discovered the interesting fact that his operators were in the habit of intercepting any "chit," that they suspected of containing complaints about the working of the lines. Mr. Sandford has, no doubt, often been blamed for not attending to reports of whose existence he was ignorant, and is glad that the matter has at last been brought to his notice.

ABOUT three months ago we published correspondence from Korea to the effect that Mr Greathouse, U. S. Consul-General at Yokohama. had virtually accepted the appointment of Vice-President of the Korean Home Office-whatever that may mean. Confirmation of this news is to be found in a late issue of the Fapan Herald which understands that Mr. Greathouse, the U. S. Consul-General, has telegraphed the resignation of his post to Washington, and has asked for its acceptance by telegram. He will, probably leave in a few days to take up his appointment as Vice-Minister at the Korean Home Office. We believe that this is the highest office to which any foreigner has yet been appointed by the Korean Government-It is not "the highest office to which a foreigner has yet been appointed by the Korean Government." Judge Denny held the same office and von Möllendorff, a German, capped it by two points at least; and there is no gainsaying that both Denny and Möllendorff were well worthy of the high honours conferred upon them by what is probably the most impotent, and corrupt Administration that exists.

H.M.S. Firebrand and Linnes, the two six-knot gunboats sent out on the 16th instant to catch the Namoa pirates, returned here on the 19th inst. after a fruitless search. One has been scouring the coast to the northward, and the other to the southward. The Firebrand dropped upon a Chinese cruiser at Pinghol which was on the same mission as the British men-of-war. Beyond giving the mandarins at some of the fishing villages photos of the Pirate chief, Detective Sergeant McIver, who was on beard the Firebrand, was unable to do anything towards affecting the arrest of the chief actors in the now historical Namos tragedy. It was ascertained at Pinghoi that the pirates' junks had numbers painted on them, which proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the craft which took the pirates and their plunder off the Names on the 10th instant were Hengkong registered fishing junks. We would suggest to the authorities that a valuable clue may be forthcoming were all registered junks promptly mustered with a view to ascertaining the numbers of those that took part in the Namoa piracy. Had this been done last Thursday week the police might have got hold of some of the relatives of the murderers and of their accomplices, with a semblance of promptitude which would have been commendable.

Averyinteresting ceremony took places the Central Police Station on the 20th inst, in connection | it up to the quarter mile buoy when the Thisly with the closing of a course of ambulance corps | gained a slight advantage. The Victoria then lectures by Dr. Cantille. It will be remembered that some months ago a St. John's Aubulance Corps was started at the Central Station and upwards struggle, drew away, and tackled the Thulle of sixty members of the Force enrolled themselves, and attended lectures delivered twice a for about a quarter of a mile but the Thistle week by Dr. Cantile. The course of lectures proving the better boat got shead by thridhas now come to an end and the members of quarters of a length and maintained it to the the Porce, with a view to marking their appreciation of Dr. Cantile's kind invaluable services, decided to subscribe to a fund which should be invested in the purchase of a handsome bronze vase to be presented to the worthy doctor. The presentation took place this morning in the presence of a number, of spectators and in a few appropriate words General Gordon, Acting Captain Superintesdent of Police, presented the vase to Di Cantlie. The latter in schooledging the gift addressed the assembly at considerable length and in the course of his speech sketched the rise and progress of the St. John's Ambalance Corps of London. In conclusion Dr. Cantile said that the members' examination papers had been forwarded to the London Board of Examiners who would duly report the result which he, in his turn, would communicate to the lecal corps,

WE learn that there is a good deal of truth in Nippon Yusen Kaisha to extend their lines of steamers to the southward of Hongkong. One route is said to be from Yokohama to Manila and Sourabaya, via Shanghai, Amoy and Hongkong. It does not appear that any very definite decision has yet been arrived at by the Board of Directors in Tokin, but the presence of a fine steamer like the Milhe Maru in these latitudes is somewhat significant at the present mome -t.

MR. W. F. Lay, Commissioner of Customs, met with a terrible accident at Hankow on the 15th inst. He had gone over to Hanyang to inspect a new ice-house. He went up the outside ladder, and then took a step forward, not seeing, owing to the darkness, that there was nothing to step on, and was precipitated to the bottom, a fall of twenty-five feet. His whole face was smashed in, his left side injured and his left wrist and right knee completely crushed. He was rescued as soon as possible and carried home on a stretcher. By last advices he had no fever and was as cheerful as a man so injured could be. We (N. C. Daily News) regret to hear also that Captale Batten of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Pekin is lying so ill at Hankow-that grave doubts are entertained of his recovery.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

FIRST DAY, -- THURSDAY, 18TH DICEMBER.

The thirty-fifth Regatta of the Victoria and a really good race resulted, Recreation Club was commenced to-day at Shamrock at last putting on a spleadid noon, the course being, as usual from Yau-ma-ti spurt passed both the Thistle and Rose and to a flag-ship moored almost directly opposite came right up to the Leak and a night foul the Kowloon Police Station. The Marina was supposed to have occurred. The Shamrock specially chartered for the occasion by the claimed the race, but the objection to the committee and suited admirably, affording Leek was not sustained and she was awarded ample accommodation for the crowd of visitors | the prize. Time 7 mins. 30 secs. THE Formosa correspondent of a Shanghai who were present. By the kind permission of contemporary thus :- I am glad to state | Col. Chater and Officers the band of the A. and S. is now a certainty that H.E. the Highlanders was present and added considerably Governor remains in his position here. to the general enjoyment of the outing. The Imperial Censors went to Canton from The weather was anything but favorable during Foochow and did not come to Formora at, the early part of the day, the wind being a all, and Mr. Chang Souyü, the late Manager of trifle high and the water rough and choppy, making things extremely uncomfortable for those engaged in the sculling races. programme was successfully carried through and the general arrangements left little room for fault-finding, excepting, perhaps, as regards the tiffin and attendance on board the flagship. The former was of the most meagre description -- a "one-horse" scramble in fact, reflecting anything but credit on those responsible for dispensing the Club's hospitality.

The following gentlemen officiated and carried out their respective duties most satisfactorily. Judges, rowing races :- Col. Chater, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Starter :- Mr. John Andrew, Umpire :-Mr. E. L. Woodin. Judge of Yacht Racing :-Capt. J. C. Anderson, Judges of sailing boats :-

Capt. Burnie and Commander Festing, R.N. Appended will be found the results of yesterday's events :- "Junior Sculls Cup,"-Presented by the members of the Victoria Recreation Club. -for single sculls; distance one mile, entrance, \$5, open to any member of the Victoria Recreation Club who has never won a sculling race in China or Japan.

H. Skött, 1xst. 5lb, red and white 1

Skott was the favorite at the start and having a decided advantage by drawing inside position ultimately drew away from Potts and won rather easily by several lengths. Time 9 min. 5 secs. FOR HEAVY GIGS-open to European Non-Commissioned officers and men of any Regi-

ment or Corps of the Garrison, or European from the Lily with Elleen a fair third. Time members of the police force; the boats to be 8 mins. 4 secs. mile; time allowed for oars, 8 seconds per oar; four boats must start for and prize; entrance. \$1; first prize, \$15; second prize, \$5.

A. & S. Highlanders' Argyll.................................. I A. & S. Highlanders' Louise 3 A fourth boat put in an appearance but came too late to start. The Argyll and Louise got off

well together, the Engineers being slightly in the The two former made a ding-dong race of it overhalf the course when the Argyll went into smoother water and gaining a lead of a couple of lengths from the Louiss kept it to the end. The Engineers, who had fallen considerably behind, made a hold bid for first place but missed it by two lengths and beat the Louiss by about the same distance after a hard fight. Time ?

mins, 27 secs. "LADIES PURSE," presented by the Ladies of Hongkong; for four-oars, distance, one mile; entrance, \$10 ; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club or boats similar in build to those belonging to the Victoria Recreation Club.

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"Thistle."—First.
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Stroke, I. D. Hickley	
Cox, H. Brocklebank 9st. Old,	ŧ
"Victoria."-Third.	
Station No. 1.—Scarlet and White,	
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No. 2. Captain RobinsonIIst, No. 3. F. L. Jackson 12st. 71bs. Stroke, Captain Henderson 11st. Cox, R. de C. Beyd 9st. 3lbs.

Station No. 2 .- Dark-blue and White. Bow, P. S. Bent. 10st. 9lbs. Cox, G. F. Watts 9st. 4lbs. The Leek was most funcied for this event but

failed to realize the expectations of her backers. The Thistle was the first away, closely followed by the Leek, and these two made a fine race of "collared" the Leek and for a while they raced bow and bow, but the latter after a good once more, These two raced well together end-about the same distance separating the

Victoria frem the Leak. The Canton Crew were never in the hint. Time 7 mins, 3 socs. "GERMAN CUP."-Presented by the German community, for four-oars; distance, one miles, entrance, Sie; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Strange Mileck."-Pirst Station No. 4: - Yellow and Black. Bow. W. S. Taylor gat. Tilbe No. 2, L. C. Barff. Stroke, C. H. Thompson 10st. 12lbs. Cox, G. A. Caldwell 9st. olbs. Sal Samrock. Second. Station No. 2. Red and White,

No. 2. W. Licas.

Cox, H. Sampsen 9st. Ialbs. "Rose"_Third. Station No. 5 .- White.

Bow. D H. Mackintosh, fibs. No. 2, F. H. Walter, 9st. Cox, R de C. Boyd, 9st. 3lbs. "Kornblume."

Station No.1-Black and White. No. 3. H. P. Wadmanrost., 11lb. Cox, W. Stopani 9st. 4lbs. . "Thistle."

Station No. 3.-Red and Black. Bow. P. O. Oliver 9st, 12lbs. No. 2, H. Botel rost. . olbs. No. 3. T. H. Dalby 11st. 1lb. Stroke, G. L. Duncan..... 1cst. 6lbs. Cox, M. Fredericks 9st. 10lbs.

This was the race of the day and all five boats got off splendidly together, but the Lack soon took a slight lead closely followed by the Thisile, the others well together. This order was maintained for a considerable distance when the Thirtle challenged for the premier position but the Leek forestalled them and still maintained the lead. The Rose now came up with a wet sail and joined the Thistle

"TUB RACE." Cup, presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation, Club, open to, all Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. To be rowed in Tub. Sculling Boats approved by the Committee, the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.

F. L. Jackson, 12st. 71b Captain Henderson, Tist. 61b..... Only two started, but the race was well contested throughout; and after a splandid finish Jackson won by about a quarter of a length,

"ST. PATRICK'S CUP;" presented by J. Francis, Esq.; for pair oars; each crew consist of two members of the same Mercantile hong; distance, one mile; entrance, \$5; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Clubs

	"Kathleen."-First	٠,
t+	Station No. 1.—Bank Flag. Bow, E. C. Fearon	şlbs.
	Stroke A. G. Stephen manuscrittele	4lbs.
	Cox, H. Brocklebank 881,	4.
	"Lily."-Second	
	Station No. 4.—Red and White. Bow. G. L. Duncan	fibs.
	Bow. C. L. Duncan	

Cox. M. Fredericks 9st. tolbs. " Eileen," Station No. 3 .- Blue and White, Bow, W. S. Taylor 9st. 11lbs.

Cox, W. Stopani 9st. 4lbs. This was another good start, but after a short distance had been covered the Kathleen shewed shead, and it seemed before half the course had been row d, that she was a moral certainty for the event, and really proved so, winning as she liked

approved by the Committee; distance, one "EXCHANGE CUP;" presented by the exchange brokers of Hongkong ; for pair cars ; distance, one mile; entrance, \$5; to be rowed in boats

	the property of the Victoria Recreation	Club.	
	"Elleen."—First		
	Station No. 2.—Admiral's Flag.		
	Bow. H. W. Me'calfe	olb.	
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	"Kathleen."-Second.		
	Station No. 1 Scarlet and White	7lbs.	
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٠	Stroke, Captain Henderson IIst.	OFFIN	

Cox, R. de C. Boyd gst. 3lbs. "Mand" Station No. 3-Red, and White.

Cox, W. Brocklebank..... This was a fine race from start to finish. The Maud had slightly the best of the start but was closely followed and ultimately passed both the Eileen and the Kathleen. The two latter now raced our for our and a fine struggle ensued which finally resulted in the Ellion getting the best of it and eventually won the race by a couple of lengths.

Time, 8 mins. 18 secs. FOR LIGHT GIGS : open to European Non-Commissioned officers and men of any regiment or corps of the garrison, or European crews of any of H.M.'s vessels; entrance, &t; first prize, \$15; second prize, \$5; time allowed for pars, 8 seconds per car; boats to be approved by the committee ; distance, one mile. Five bosts started for this race and after a well

contested finish the result was :-Time, 7 min. 8 secs. "CHAIRMAN's CUP," presented by T. Jackson, Esq., Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club; for four-oars; distance, one-mile-a-half; entrance, \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Kornblume,"-First, Station No. 4. No. 3, G. C. C. Master Tost. 71bs. Cox, W. Stopani 9st. 4lbs. "Rose,"-Second, 1 in

Station No. 1.-White. No. 3, J. T. H. Sample 11st. 4lbs. "Leek"-Third. Sistion No. 3.-Red and White. Bow. W. S. Taylor.

No. 2. E. W. Lucas tost Elba.

Stroke, H. Skött. Station No. 2,-Black and Hed. No. 3, L. Fearon Sibe.

Cox G. A. Caldwell. This event was also splendidly centested and was throughout a most interesting race. To a fall start, the Lock was the first aways but was quickly overhanded by the Kernblume and finally by the Reis as well. As all four crews were rowing in fine form the result wan at no time a certainty for the landing boat, but the Kernblume men managed to maintain what slight advantage they had galand sarly the race and came; in about of the Rose sbout half a length. Time to mist to sect

SAILING RACE-For all open boats. There were five starters, namely, the Sailors' Home gig, Harbour Masteris, steamer Riversdale's Tylami, Torpedo Depôt's Fiume, and the Commodore's Galley White Swan. The boats got away to a good start at half-past one the Sailors' Home gig leading, with the Commodore's galley second, and a very fine race enqued between these two to the first mark boat off Green Island, which they rounded almost together. The Fiume met with an accident and had to give up. The first mark boat was rounded as

follows :--Sallors' Home gig fo 03 Commodore's galley 50 05 Harbour Master's gig 51 DO Capt. Mooney's Tylam 52. 00 Running across to Chung-hae on the wind the

Sallors' Home gig increased its lead, the times of passing the second mark boat being :-Sailors' Home gig 2 05 00 Commodore's galley 05 25 Harbour Master's gig 07 00

Capt, Mooney's Tytam 20 00 The Sailors' Home gig rounded and the Commodore's galley had it all her own way, working well up to wind-ward and running away from the others, the winning mark being passed as

Commodore's galley White Swan 3 0 40 Sailors' Home gig...... 3 15 .00 Harbour Master's gig 3 15 30 The Tytam took a course inside Stonecutter's Island, and came in some time after the others. There was a splendid wind for sailing, and the time made in this race is better than for some

The yacht race was won by the Zephyr which with her time allowance, beat the Naemi by 7 mins. 46 secs.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

The weather was much the same as on the previous day-excepting perhaps that the wind was a trifle higher and the water a little rougher, The attendance was good and the lengthy programme was carried through without hitch. The International race was a hollow affair owing to Kennedy not being able to row in the Scotch boat, this fact made the odds a guinea to a gooseberry on the Englishmen. The various other results were well contested but no great amount of interest seemed to be taken in the Regatta by the general public.

INTERNATIONAL RACE "CHALLENGE CUP."-For four-oars; cup presented by J. S. Lapraik, Eig., to be held by the winning crew for one year; but to remain the property of the Club; distance, one-mile-and-a-half; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Leek."-First. Station No. 2 -Bow. H. P. Wadman,tost." 11b. No. 3, G. C. C. Master, Tost. 71bs. Cox G. A. Caldwell 9st. olb. "Thistle."-Second.

Station No. 1.-Bow. F. Dundas,sost. 81bs. No. 3. Captain Henderson, in 11st. 6lbr. Stroke, A. G. Stephen, 11st. 4lbs. Cox, R, de C. Boyd 9st. 3lbs.

Both boats got away to a good start, and rowing in fair form made a pretty race for the fits quarter, then the English. began to get abeat of their opponents. The Scotchmen made several spurts but the other crew were always equal to the occasion and won as they liked by four lengths. The Scotch crew were wretchedly "coxed" but anyhow they had no chance with the Saxons. Time 11.23

SENIOR SCULLS,-Open to any member of the Victoria Recreation Club; distance, one mile; entrance fee, \$5; cup presented by the Parsee community.

H. Skött 11st. 5lbs E. B. Shecherd, tost. 5lbs..... For a time the boats rowed well together, but the long steady stroke of Skott soon began to tell and he went easily to the front. Shepherd appeared very much out of training and rowed in miserable form. After covering about hal the distance he collapsed entirely leaving Skott to win as he pleased. Time 8 mins. 27 secs.

GARRISON CUP," presented by the Officers of the garrison ; for four oars; distance, one, mile; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club or boats similar in build to those belonging to Victoria Recreation Club.

"Thistle."—First. Station No. 5.-Black and White. Bow, H. P. Wadman rost. 11b. No. 2. F. G. Young, R.E 10st. 6lbs. No. 3, G. L. Duncan rost, 6lbs. Stroke, G. C. C. Master Iost. 7lbs. Coz, G. A. Caldwell 9st. olb. "Leek."-Second. Station No. 3 .- Admiral's Flag.

Bow, P. V. Oliver 9st. 12lbs. No. 2, H. W. Metcalfe 10st: 7lbs. No. 3, R. B. Garde 11st. 9lbs. Stroke, J. D. Hickley 11st. 6lbt. Cox, H. C. Brocklebank gst. olb. "Victoria."-Third.

Station No. 2 .- Scarlet and White. No. 2. Captain Robinson 11st. 3lbs. Stroke, Captain Henderson 11st. 6lbs. Cox. R. de C. Boyd 9st. 3lbs and the same and the same

Station No. 1 .- Dark-blue and White. No. 2, C. E. Lafentzrost. 12lbm Stroke, S. P. Read. Cox, G. F. Watts 9st. 416s. Rose!

Station No. 4.-Red and White. No. 3, A. Duer !......rost. rolbs. Stroke, H. Skott Cox, H. Sampson 9st. 12lbs The five boats got away to a splendid star

the Victoria coming to the front first closel followed by the Leek and Thistle-the Rose lying fourth, and the Canton Crew well out of it before half the distance was covered. This order was maintained until near the flagship when the Thirste and Link each spurted, the result being a clever win for the former by half a length. Time; y mins. y secs. dang white and deale

FOR HEAVY GIGS : open to European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment er corps of the Garrison, or to European members of the Police Force ; the boats to be appoved by the committee; distance, one mile s time allowed for oars, 8 seconds per our : four bouts must start for two prizes ! entrance, \$1'1 first prise \$15 | second prise, \$5 1 (the winner of race No. 2 first day to be

exciting struggle the result was as follows |---

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS .- Distance; one mile ; en!rance, \$1 ; first prize, \$15 ; second prize, \$10; time allowed for cars, 4 seconds per oar; boats to be approved by the comexcluded); for boats to start for two prizes. There were five entries for this race. The Emperieuse boat, six oars, came in first, but the Alacrity, five oars, took first prize on time allowance for oars.

AMERICAN CUP."-Presented by the American Community: for four-oars; distance, one mile; entrance, \$10; to be rowed in boa's the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Leek"-First Station No. 2 .- Admiral's Flag. Bow, P. V. Oliver 9st, Islbs. Cox, G. A. Caldwell 9th olb. "Shamrock."-Second. Station No. 5 .- Red and White. Bow, A. H. Ough ost rilbs. No. 3, W. S Taylor rost, 11lbs. Stroke, H. Skött Stroke, H. Skött

Cox. H. Sampson' 9st. 121bs. "Thistle."-Third. di line in Station No. 4.-Scarlet and White. Bow, F. H. Walter, 9st.; olb. No. 2, E. G. Young, R.E., Tost. 6lbs. Stroke, Captain Henderson, Tist. 71bs. Cox, R. de C. Boyd, 9st. 3lbs.

"Rose" Station No. 3 -- White. Bow, G. L. Duncan,tost.; 61bs.: No. 3, R. B. Garde, 11st. 2lbs. Cox, M. Fredericks, 6st. 10lbs. "Victoria."

Station No. 1.4 No. 2. D. H. Mackintosb, Tost. 6lbs. No. 3, J. T. H. Sample Ist, adlbs. Stroke, A. G. Stephen, Ist. #41ba. Cox, W. Stopani. 9st. 4lbs. A good start was effected and the boats pulled

well together for the first quarter when the Leek and Shamrock began to draw away-the former soon taking a lead which she maintained easily to the finish: winning by several lengths. There was an exciting struggle at the end for second place between the Shamrock and the Thistle. BROKERS' CUP, presented by the Share Brokers of Hongkong; for double sculls; distance one mile; entrance, \$5: to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Station No. 4-Scarlet and White. Bow, C. Robinson 10st 81bs. Stroke, F. L. Jackson 12st. 7lbs. Cox. R. de C. Boyd 9st. 3lbs. "Kathleen,"-Second. Station No. 2 -- Admiral's flag Bow, A. G. Stephen 11st. 41bs Stroke, H. W. Metcalle tost, 5lbs. Cox. F. O. Lewis 9st. olbs. Third. Station No .- Dark Blue and White. Bow, T. E. Griffiths..... Stroke, S. P. Read

a Firm of their rest Station No. 6.-Black and White. Bow, H. Botel iosta gibsan Stroke, O. Eschwind Ista Izlbs. Cox. mineriensichnennienniennienni. . .

Cox. G. F. Watts

The Lily went off with the lead but did no maintain it long being overtaken by the garrison crew who pulled a good steady stroke, and eventually won rather easily from the Kathleen. The rest were out of the hunt.

FOR MEN OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS --Distance, one mile; entrance; \$1 ; first prize, \$10; second, \$5; the boats to be approved by the committee; time allowed for oars, seconds per our ; four boats must start for two prizes (winner of 4th race, 1st diy, to. excluded.)

Imperiouse galley BELILIOS CUP."-Presented by E. R. Belilios Esq.; for eight-oars; distance, one mile; en trance, \$16: United Services v' Civilians,

The crews that started were - Defeate, Hickley, ackson, Henderson, Garde, Robinson, Dundas, r. Matcalfe, Oliver. Cammerce-W. H: Potts. Skott, A. G. Stephen, Garde, G. H. Potts, A Ough, C. H. Thompson, Wadman.

This was a fine race, both crews pulling in good form, but the 'Defence 'had' the greater strength and after an exciting struggle won by shout a length.

YACHT RACE : for yachts over to tons The Artel, Zephyr, and Naomi were set away at 1.55 p.m., getting off in theorder named The wind was N.E., with a force of 3 and the yachts set kites while running before it. splendid race took place for the first mark the Ariel leading, with Lephyr second, and Naomi croeping up, and getting abreast of the Zephyr at 2h. 36 m.; Cow-e-chow mark boat

was rounded as follows :- A State of the May S. Arist 29. 00 Naomt 29. 30 Shortly after rounding the "Ariel tacked to southward, the wind freshening to a force of By 2,38 Naoms had assumed the lead, and the Chung-hoe mark boat was passed in the follow-Naomi 7 45
Ariil 8 15
Ziphyr 7 11 50 Naomi and Zephyr made from the Hongkong shore, while Ariel took a course inside Stone cutters Island. The times taken at the flagship were;

Naoms 3 44 20 Zephyr 3 52 00 Arisi 53 53 CO On the run to the Regatta Bay mark Naomi further increased her lead, the times being :-an Triangle A. A. History or has a ground the B. Attel discourse in proper series 4: 31: 90.15 The Nagmi allowing the other two yachis ten minutes, there was little to choose between the three at this point, and an exciting run ensued

Boll of the second of the second of the second Napmil, Ziphyr ,.... 11 9 20 Naomi therefore won, having made up her t to the good, with the narrow margin of 30 seconds

for the finish at the flagship, which was rounded

YACHT RACE; for yachts under to tons For this race there were only too entries the Arrow and the Zytkomus, the former allowing the latter ten minutes in The start was a made at 1.55 p.m., the Arrew getting a considerable less mark was passed as follows of

The latter was not timed at the other marks A. & S. Highlanders' Louise being hopelessly bubind. ; The warew Anlabed [A. E. Highladers' Sucherland minimum 2: At 48 1990, 850 16 11 your volume bore braid | 1 20 1997 to particular of Village

THE STRANDING OF THE TOKIO MARU."

The Japan Herald of the 5th instant contains mittee; (winner of 11th race 1st day to be the following additional particulars of the Insuof the Japanes; Yokohama-Shanghai liner Tokio Maru (Capt. Drummond), of which we published telegraphic information on the 16th inst; Our Yokohama contemporary says:-"That misfortunes never come singly has been proved by experience to be beyond dispute, but it is probable that in no case is it more accentuated than in regard to vessels. For years a steamship company will go along without secidents, and then two or three will occur in swift succession. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is just now experiencing this. Only & few days ago we had to report that the Harima was ashore near Inaboye, and before the is extricated we regret to have to record a still more serious accident in the stranding of the Tokio Marw. This vessel was on her way from Hakodate, to Yokohama, and on Friday night she went ashore in the bight hetween Mela ledge and Susaki. News reached the head office on Saturday, and the Kei Maru. with lighters, &c., was sent to her assistance vesterday morning. 'She returned to-day, and Mr. Barrie, the Superintendent Engineer of the company, left again shortly after noon with numps, arc. "There are hopes, if the weather keeps calm, of yet getting, her off, as she is lying on the sand, breadside on to the sea, and with a slight list to port. She is making water in both her engine room and after hold, but her fore compartment is clear, and if the swell should go down enough to enable the lighters to get alongside, it may yet be possible to lighten her and get her off. The accident is reported to have occurred from mistaking Mela Head for Susaki, and therefore hauling up too soon to the northward."

PROCEAMATION BY VICEROY GHANG CHI-TUNG.

Knowing the richness of the soil of these Provirces, and in order to turn some of the treasures buried therein into your coffers, I issue this proclamation as Viceroy of the Liang Hu Provinces. I have the Imperial sanction for the carrying out of such enterprises as the erection of front mining and smelting works, I have caused foundries to be built at Hungyang (or Wuchang). The buried treasures I speak of are coal, iran, and other mines, and are, and were from time immemorial, only waiting to yield their heards to whomsoever bath the enterprise to delve for them. In order to make any such undertaking successful, immense quantities of coal must be wed to feed the furnaces, and work the engines. Having regard to the peoples welfare I shall not buy any foreign coal but shall employ our own coal, and so enrich the people both individually and collectively. have sent waiyuans to different parts of thesa Provinces to inspect, and also to Szechuen and Kinngsi, the sample of coal and iron taken from the various mines. Several samples of hard and soft coal have been sent to me, and tested and many of them proved so be excellent for furnace and ateamship consumption. In Hupek and Honan there are good iron mines, which mean untold wealth to those province wif properly worked. From calculations Lhave made I find some 7,500 piculs of coal per dlem would be consumed by cotton mills, and gun and from factories, and besides a great deal more would find sale with our steamship companies, such as the China Merchants and others. Therefore it is to your own advantage that you should at once proceed to operations on the mines that are under your feet. I will take all the coal, whether hard or soft, you can bring me, and in case cannot ruse it all myself guarantee to find's market for the surplus. Hithertothemines have not been properly or profitably worked: You only got at the surface coal, and you could not keep the water out of your shafts when they were sunk to any depth. To remedy this you must purchase foreign pumps that will easily get tid of the water. Such pumps can be worked by yourselves without the assistance of a foreign supervisor, for the gear and working are very simple. Il assure you I will take all the coal you can bring me, and I will not defraud you in the

The Vicercy concludes with a long list of the places where coal is to be found in Hupeh.

THE CHINESE AUDIENCE QUESTION.

IMPORTANT IMPERIAL DECREE. The Shen Pas of the 15th inst. contains an Imperial Decree to the following effect :- That

all the Foreign Treaty Powers have been up to the present time represented by Ministers residing in Peking. That various communications have been exchanged with them year byoyear, and that the Treaty Powers have been drawn into closer friendship and relationship with China and with each other. That the Foreign Ministers are at Peking to look after the interests of their respective countries, and to see hat the treaties made by those countries with China are carried out, and generally to hold friendly intercourse with Us, for our mutual happiness and benefit, at which We are well pleased. In: years gode by during the months of January and February, We Hassumed control of this Empire and her Majesty, the Empress-Downger handed the reins of Government into my keeping, and retired herself from the cares of State. On that occasion, acting on her own wish and desired the Empress-Downger advised the Tenng-li Yamen to invite all the foreign addinisters; to a banquet, to celebrate the Emperor's marriage, which was then approschinge. We have now reigned over this Empire for two years, and have lived in stmony with all the Treaty Powers, and Wo decree that henceforward the Ministers of those Powers residing at the capital, shall have laudience with Us. of In the 12th year of the I reign of the Emperor Tung Chib, the foreign Ministers had andience; with that Emperor, so that now, when the present foreign Ministers apply, for audence, with Us, that precedent shall be followed and audience granted, the being that occasion being bbacived. Henceforth, at the beginning of lievery lyear (Chinese reckoning) the inforeign Ministers shall be admitted to Our presence.
This is because We are on friendly texms with their Governments, and desire to semain so, All Ministers and Acting Ministers, who desire to have audience, shall communicate with the Teling-Il Vanies who in turn shall memorfalise the Throne and audience shall be granted at China New West . Thouday after the audience dithe different Ministers, shall be invited to a banquet and benceforward this shall be the standing custom. Should any new Minister arrivo at the capital after the audience, he must wait till next China New Year before he can approachalls. In case of extraordinary events, marriages, or such manspicious occasions, the Tandy Il Mamentall petition the Throne, and allatha Foreigs Ministers shall be invited to a banquet ... We are friendly with all the Foreign Powers, and therefore have We commanded this, ta show those Powers our appreciation of their friendship and to reciprocate it. The mode of addressing Us and the etiquette to be observed; by the distancent Ministers at the audience, shall be communicated to the Taug-li-Yamen, who in turn (shall) memorialise the Throne is a the

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 20th inst. There were present His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. F. Fleming); Mr. W. M. Deane (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. E. J. Ackroyd Acting Attorney-General); Mr. H. E. Wodehouse Acting Colonial Treasurer); Mr. N. G. Mitchell Innes (Acting Registrar-General). Messrs, C.P. Chater, P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

... REYENUE FROM LIGHT DUES.

Pursuant to notice Mr. T. H. Whitehead asked the following question: "Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the aggregate amount of Light Dues collected from 1st January to 31st March last, both days inclusive, and from 1st April to 30th November last, also both days inclusive?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied, that the amount of Light Dues collected from the rat of January to the 31st of March last was \$80,119.99 and from the 1st April to the 30th Novomber last, the Dues collected amounted to \$56,117.64.

NATURALIZATION OF CHINESE. The Acting Attorney-General in moving the second reading of two Bills relative to the naturalization of Lui Sui Tong and Choi Wai. otherwise Choi Tsun, stated that the applicants were merchants carrying on business in Bonham

THE END OF THE CIVIL LIST. The Acting Attorney-General moved the third reading of an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 13 of 1860, for the establishment of a Civil

The Bill was read a third time without

ADJOURNED COMMITTEES. Upon the suggestion of the Acting Atterney-General, Committees on Bills entitled "The Gambling Ordinance, 1890," and "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy. were postponed sine die. Respecting the Gambling Ordinance the speaker said official members of the Council desired to have elurther time to consider the provisions of the

PUBLIC OFFICERS' PENSION FUND. Some opposition was offered by Mr. T. H. Whitehead to the third reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for, and regulate a Pension Fund for widows and children of Public - Officers of the Colony" which was moved, by the Acting Attorney-General, M. Whitehead urged that the Fund should be controlled by the Supreme Court and no rest entirely with the Governor of the Colony The Attorney-General in reply stated that the control of the Fund would, by virtue of the *provisions of the Bill, be largely vested in the Supreme Court. His Excellency, the Acting Governor then spoke on the subject at some length and said that a Fund of a precisely similar kind was in a very promising condition in the colony of Jamaica. Rather than cause the Council the trouble of dealing with the Bil again in Committee Mr. Whitehead withdrew his motion for the postponement of the Bill which then passed its third reading.

THE REPORT ON EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC

A long discussion relative to the unofficial members' proposed adenda to the report on the proceedings of the meetings of the Finance Cammittee at which the estimates of "Public Works, Extraordinary" were discussed at length : a long discussion took place, his Excellency objecting to forward it on the grounds that it was drawn up in language that could not fail to convey a false impression to the Secretary of State, for the Colonies, So far from refusing to give information he had, he said, furnished all the information that it was in his power to lay before kon. It would be unfair to feward a document of the kind indicated, until the official members had had an opportunity of explaining, from their points of view, the matters therein alluded to.

After some further discussion the Bill was referred back to the Finance Committee and the Council adjourned until Monday the sand inst.

December 22nd.

THE UNOFFICIALS' MEMORANDUM. His Excellency said that the object the meeting to-day was to deal with the report of the Finance Committee. Since the last meeting of the Council he had had the honour of conferring with the unofficial members respecting their proposed addenda to the report and he thought that some other arrangement could be arrived at in order that no further delay in the transmission of the report to the Secretary of State might be avoided.

Mr. P. Ryric-said he thought that the report | been prepared, and it was hopeless without on the Estimates had been dealt with sufficiently for the present. He would lay on the table a memorandum which he had reason to believe would be forwarded by his Excellency to the designs." Secretary of State. Mr. Ryrie then laid the Memorandum of the

unofficial members on the table. It was read by the Clerk of Councils and ran as follows:-ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC WORKS. EXTRA-

ORDINARY, FOR 1891. the Right Honorable the Secretary of State. prevailed in the past of sanctioning and com-Lord Knutsford, addressed a most important mencing works before detailed drawings and despatch to the Government dated 18th April last. We are fully convinced of the apprepriatexess of Lord Knutsford's views and opinions that in the case of any new work proposed therein expressed and that they apply, with the Surveyor General should in all future cases equal if not greater force, to the estimates for lay a statement, before, the Public Works Com-1891. So much so that we desire to draw militee, giving the fullest details, and estimates. particular attention to the concluding paragraphs The Public Works Committee would then of the said despatch.

Para : II reads :expansive, can afford to construct in a substan- during these preliminary stages. When money tial way many public works of which there is has been voted by the Council on a definite pressing necessity, but the way in which the Government statement and on the strength of estimates have been framed of late years seems | carefully-prepared detailed plans, no material to indicate a tendency to initiate numerous change should be permitted to be made without works on a perhaps unnecessarily liberal scale, reference to the Public Works Committee, and without due regard to the capabilities of the without the consent of the Council obtained Public Works Department, the relative import- thereto. Buch a course as this would secure to ance of the works, and the possibility of defray- the public an efficient and effective control over ing the total expenditure to which the colony! the inception and execution of extraordinary will thus be ultimately committed." A track the a Para: 12 reads :- on a state anno-

an accurate statement showing all/the public medium of the Committees named. works which are in contemplation with the ""The practice of sanctioning and commencing work, work with the works which are in contemplation with the estimated cost of each, the amount spent on his works before detailed drawings, designs, each up to the 31st December last, and plans and estimates have been carefully prethe amount it may reasonably be expected pared cannot be supported and should be disthat the Public Works Department will be able | continued. to spend on each during the year. I need We further requiment that before sanctionscarcely point to the futility of placing on the ing further new works, than those already au- has therefore to be gone on with we do no estimates sums largely in excess of the powers | therised, the many important public works al- disapprove of the decision of Government to of that Department to make use of The state. | ready commenced should be pushed on to sanction and carry out the Hon. Of Chickwick's ment requested should / include details and completion. He will be some in the state of the stat explanations of the item for "Sanitary Works" We beg leave to make the following observa- that it would have been better when such deci- parting the retirement obother. Find the port we underwhich was originally \$1,500,000 (of which about | tion regarding the undermentioned public works. | alon was approved of by the Council that it \$100,000 has been speat) and sas to which mo

that even if funds are forthcoming it will take many years to carry out the programme now contemplated, and unless some works are altogether postponed others of pressing necessity must be delayed."

And Para : 13 reads:--"Pending the receipt of the information above asked for. I limit my approval to those works to

In the minute of his fxcellency the Officer Administering the Government on the Estimates

reads :-

"The revised estimated ordinary expenditure for 1891 is \$1,674,780." The estimated extraordinary expenditure \$920,279 instead of \$804.279 as stated by the Officer Administering the Government a short time age, some omissions having been made in the draft estimates as originally, prepared. This makes a total expenditure of \$2,595,059. Instead, therefore, of having a balance of \$46,000 on hand at the end of 1891 there is an estimated deficit of

about \$100,000." "But the greatest increase on expenditure is caused by that estimated as necessary for Public

"As a proof of the continued increase of expenditure under this head it is worthy of remark that in the year 1875 the amount expended on the Surveyor General's Department, on Public Works and buildings, roads, streets and bridges | despatch, amounted to \$160.642 whereas for 1831 the estimated sum for the Surveyor Generals, the water and drainage and the Sanitary Department amounts to no less than \$920.279 while the total amount estimated for the construction of such public buildings as, have actually been commenced or are in contemplation is \$2 540,267, which will have to be further increased should a new gaol be constructed."

In view of the above very clearly expressed and decided opinion of the Secretary of State regarding the estimates for 1890 and the great and growing increase of public works expenditure pointed out by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government in the minute dudted we deeply regret the continuance of the practice, hitherto obtaining on the part of the Government when the outlay was on a limited scale, of asking for such large votes of money without providing us with more complete information and more reasonably, detailed statements respecting the proposed public works than those which it has been customaty to supply. Government has invited us to sanction it spending upwards

of \$920,000 during 1891. We seriously question whether this amount is not largely in exce. s of the powers and the capabilities of the Public Works Department to make proper use o We think such sums should be voted cautiously and with great circumspection. addition to the information now supplied, we earnestly desire to record our opinion that for the future before being asked to vote we should be provided with reasonably detailed statements of each of the proposed works, setting forth all the reasons which necessitate and just fy the proposed expenditure, also, we think that reasonably detailed designs, drawings and plans, should in each instance be produced. All this should be done, we submit, at such a time that we may have ample and sufficient opportunity for due inspection and deliberation, and of becoming acquainted will all the reasons for sanctioning the proposed work and ascertaining the cost it is really likely to entail.

With such evidences of wastefulness and extravagance as attended the building of the Victoria College, as are connected with the building of the Civil Hospital Staff Quarters at a cost of \$73,000, and seem to be attendant on the the making of the foundations of the New Central Market, and for other good reasons, it is absolutely incumbent upon us to vote public monies cautiously, and with due circumspection,

The Resolution agreed to after modification by the Legislative Council on the; 3rd ultimo asked for a general statement, embodying reasonably detailed particulars of each proposed work and setting forth the necessity for such work, in order that the Council might know exactly why and for what they are voting the

The information supplied us has not, in our opinion, been of a sufficiently detailed nature we desire to express a hope that to being asked to vote large the future all such particulars will be given as will enable us to judge of the extent and nature of the work proposed and of the cost which its completion will entail in so far as such can possibly be ascertained,

As an instance of how matters have been carried on we may be permitted to here quote an extract from the Surveyor General's letter of 17th June last to the Acting Colonial Secretary :-"I attempted to prepare a satisfactory estimate for the new year, but failed, for the simple reason that for some of the works included in the estimates for 1889, which had to be carried on to the present year, no detailed designs or estimates, so far as I can ascertain, had ever assistance, in the very limited time available before the date fixed for sending in the estimates, to attempt to prepare all these estimates and

And, further, the Surveyor General's letter of 14th August last, also to the Acting Colonial Secretary, para: 2 reads :--

"The preparation of these estimates has involved an unusual amount of labour owing to the introduction of the new form, of estimate In connection with the estimates for 1200 and to the practice which appears to have estimates had been prepared."

We earnestly and respectfully recommend 'consider exch one, and report upon it to the Finance Committee; and no vote should be "I do not wish to imply any doubt that the lasked from Council until the fullest details of colony, provided the revenue continues to remain every nature had been obtained and considered public works, and over the expenditure thereon, a control which it is impossible for the Council "I shall be glad to receive at an early date | leffettially "to exercise except "through " the

CENTRAL MARKET.

almost impossible to make a fixed "contract for the cost of laying the foundations' because so much depends upon the nature of the foundation. It was not let for a lump sum but it is nevertheexactly what the amount would be. The work | shall be sufficiently completed. is paid for according to how much is done, ! I do not know how you could let it for a lump sum which the Colony is already committed, and to until you know what you have to do. I have: those which are deemed to be of urgent | endeavoured to explain, that when the contract is let under the system of measurements it is the Engineer in charge who measures up the work. The Engineer in charge of the work is responsible for all measurements of which he has for 1891 dated 20th October last, paragraph y

We are strongly in favour of contracts being made for a lump sum. The colony is committed to an unknown and unlimited expenditure if the centract sum is not fixed beforehand.

We would urge the imperative necessity for all measurements being made by the Engineer -not by the overseer-and that the rule be not in any one instance departed from.

We cannot but regard the increase in th Estimate from \$235,000 to \$270,000, proposed to be spent on this work, as excessive and extravagant, and are decidedly of opinion that a reduction in the amount, consistent with efficiency and the Colony's requirements, can be effected."

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE. We heartily approve of this very desirable and necessary work, and carnestly hope it will be pushed on to completion with all possible

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

SITE FOR PROPOSED NEW WESTERN MARKET. We are sorry to observe that little progress has been made with this work, though it was commenced as long ago as 1888. We recommend that 'the undertaking be proceeded with, with as little delay as possible, so as to permit of the construction of the proposed new western market. A return on the heavy outlay to be incurred would then be obtained, and a considerablesum would be realized for the site of the present western market.

NEW ROADS AND PREPARITARY WORKS. KENNEDY ROAD SITES. We earnestly hope that 'the difficulties with the military authorities will soon be got over, to

enable the proposed work to be proceeded with with a view to disposing of the desirable building sites which will be then opened up. GAOL EXTENSION.

The erection of a new gaol is in our opinion undesirable and unnecessary inasmuch as the present building has proved in the past most healthy and is in good repair. We think it is capable of extension in such a manner as to provide for all necessary requirements. Being informed that the two commissions which last sat on the question had arrived at the conclusion that there is over-crowding, we therefore recognise that it may be necessary to extend the present gaol and we will be prepared to vote the money for an extension in due course.

We have not voted the money for the requisite additions as the sum required is unknown, and no definite scheme has been determined upon nor have plans, so far as we know, been prepared. We have reason to believe there are a large number of mendicants who make their way over to the colony from the mainland of China. There seems to be a concensus of opinion in favor of devising some system whereby criminals could be deported with some reasonable guarantee that they would not be able to return to the colony, and further that nothing but flogging for the worst class of native criminals has any deterrent effect whatever.

The separate system or, solitary confinement seems to be an unknown quantity. All are not agreed that it is the most deterrent. Its reformative effects are more or less a specula-It will be unwise to experiment on a large scale in this direction until more is known about this system's tiffects.

CATTLE DEPOT EXTENSION AND NEW SLAUGHTER HOUSE-PIG AND SHEEP DEPOTS. In the Estimates for 1889 the estimated cost

was \$74,000. It has now rises to \$100,000. and the Surveyor-General thinks that this amount will be a close approximation to the

The present system re pigs and sheep certainly requires to be improved, and we regard a new slaughter house as absolutely We cannot, however, but think that the sum

proposed to be spent is on altogether too extravagant a scale. FUBLIC LAUNDRIES. We think the proposed experimental scheme

worthy of a fair trial. It has been strongly recommended by the Sanitary Board. The pecaniary risk is small, while the possible advantages to be derived are great.

CIVIL HOSPITAL, STAFF QUARTERS. We think it well to quote the Surveyor-General's own words from his letter of 17th June ast to the Acting Colonial Secretary, para, to:-"The increase in the estimate of the quarters for the Hospital Staff from \$43,000 to \$75,000 is thus accounted for. On my arrival I found the foundations practically completed to the level of the ground floor. On these foundations, an expenditure of no less a sum than \$12,800 had been incurred. The designs were prepared and it was practically impossible to deviate from them to any considerable extent without incurring additional expense in altering the foundations. As the Government was committed to the work there appeared no other course open than to complete them as economically as possible, and the contract was let by public tender. I can, however, but regard this, building as altogether

purpose for which it is intended." If feasible, we strongly urge the conversion of part of these new quarters, which are to cost such a large sum; into an addition of the hospital

on too large and extravagant a scale for the

POLICE STATION, KENNEDY TOWN. We recommend that this Station should be occupied as soon as possible. The building is to cost admittee of 241'000' Bud the 241A6Aox General reports that it is a work of primary importance. If not occupied the building is certain to deteriorate and ultimately further expenditure will be necessary.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNOR'S PEAK

RESTDENCE. We are of opinion that a new Summerresidence at the Peak is necessary, the present being wholly unsultable. The vote of \$40,000 passed in Finance Committee on the statement of the Acting Colonial Secretary that " we must vote the amount on principle, and that in this case we are asked to vote for a principle," we sincerely trust will not be increased later on us we are given to undertand that pelther the site nor the building has been decided upon, and therefore the amount passed was merely guess

WATER AND DRAWAGE DEPARTMENT. We do not feel satisfied that the engrmous expenditure of \$182,500 already voted on the sewerage of Victoria was a desirable one to incure but as the work has been commenced and proposals and plans, but we are now of apinion

It seems to us that it may be desirable sooner or later to amend the Constitution of the Sanitary Board so as to entrust it with the supervising authority of the Water Supply and the Drainage less a contract. It would be impossible to say | works-public and private alike-when the same

GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TXTUNSION OF NEW LAW COURTS

We are not satisfied that these works are of urgent or of even pressing necessity, and we therefore recommend that they be postponed. Odestions of Finance and of Expenditure are matters which fall specially within the competence of the unofficial members. No expenditure

should ever be made until it has been sanctioned by the Council. Essential works already commenced and in course of construction should be systematically pushed on and completed. The uni flicial members should, we submit, be consulted before any moneys for new public works are inserted in future Estimates

The value of the unofficial element lies in the direction of a right to be consulted before anything is done which will commit the colony to any serious expenditure, and, in affording the public through it, an opportunity of discussing every matter before such matter is brought into final operation 3 5 5

A Public Works Committee exists in name

P. RYRIE. C. P. CHATER. J. J. K. SWICK:

To His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong

Hangkong, 20th December, 1390.

His Excellency said that the document laid on the table, with a view to having it forwarded to the Secretary of State, would, he felt sure, be sent to its desired destination by the Governor, Sir William des Vœux, with much pleasure. He was glad that the unofficial drawing up the said decument in lieu of the

ere the Governor returned to these shores. to the Public Works Extraordinary he was under time. I considered that a matter for the veyor General fairly covered the ground. As extent it is that I did not request the pay: medation of prisoners at Victoria Gaol there time. That did not strike me as being a part debiers must be provided. If a citizen contracted of securing any of the pirates. It must fraudulent debts a remedy at law was provided ascertained that as many as eight Chinete prisoners were confined in cells which were built to accommodate but three. That was directly contrary to the spirit of the Public Health Ordinance, and, legally speaking, the Superintendent of the Gaol could be prosecuted and punished for it! He had sent certain propositions to the Secretary of State in respect to what he considered, afterpersonal inspection and careful inquiries, were | modore Church thought that by going up the necessary improvements of the Gaol. Until Lord | coast in daylight, the boat might prove mo Knutsford's reply thereto was to hand it would useful than if she started during the course of be useless to submit plans and specifications to the afternoon, when darkness would have come the Council—that would be done in due course. on them very soon after starting. These are the When he did so later on he felt sure that circumstances connected with what took place the Council would willingly vote the required on that day, and as I have already mentioned sum to meet the expenditure. Referring to large | saw Commodore Church about ten o'clock in the numbers of criminals who should not be kept in | morning, I saw Mr. McLeavy Brown about half the gaol, his Excellency said that the full ity of an hour afterwards, and I then expressed, the the present system of deportation was only too desire that a gunboat should be sent. It has manifest, and that the subject of the permanent expulsion of a certain class of criminals would having been sent, it might have been possible no doubt meet with the careful and prompt con- for the Government to have sent one of their sideration of the Governor upon his return here. His Excellency concluded by saying that, os in the past so in the future he would do all that was possible to provide members with all particulars of sums upon which their vote was required. He could see no objection to such a course being followed and thought that the Governor would

not object to it either. The seport on the Estimates for 1801 was formally adopted, the sum of \$100,000 being.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR. Mr. T: H. Whitehead gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would ask :- " Wha reason the Government had in despatching H. M. S. Linnet in search of the pirates who looted the Namos on the 10th ins ant?"

His Excellency explained the reason of the delay in the despatch of the Linnet at considerable length, and said that he preferred to do so at once rather than keep the public without the information, for another fortnight. 'In th course of his remarks he said that at to aim on the 11th instant Commodore Churc called on him and reported what he had heard on the subject, 'He (the Acting Governor suggested the despatch of segunboat and the Commodore concurred in that plan. He tol the Commodore that before despatching a gunboat he would communicate with Mr. MacLevey Brown Commissioner of Customs, as that off cial might supply useful information of the part of the coast where the piracy was committed Mr. Brown called on bim promptly and agreed to despatch Copt. Stewart, of the Chinest revenue cruiser | Kaipan, on board the Linnel He then prote a mote to the Commodore telling him, of what had been decided upon That was at 11, s.m. on the 11th instant. During the course of the afternoon the Commodore sent him an official despatch stating the Linnel would start early the next morning. He, the Acting Governor, did not sak the Commodore to despatch the Linnet at any special time. If he was to blame it lay in his not having estatede, the a hour, a star which a there gun boat tahould sleaves www the Linner adid in not go until the mext morning he had not taken steps to ascertain, but it was stated by the Commodore that the gunboat was sent rather with a view to getting information than to do anything more effectual. Another probable reason fer not sending the Linnet up the coast that afternoon was because it might have been use idss to get to the spot; where the pirates were supposed to have landed in the night That was what he gathered from the Commodere at 10 o'clock a.m. As to despatching the Fame, his Excellency showed that that would have been stable and shaderable, as had been proved on the occasion of a previous piratical attack on a British vessel come 22 THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

lea Man to Rytle "indressed" the Council in alon was approved of by the Council that it quent non the seine of Sir William des Vocus, should have been suived at in such a manner as the said, amongst other things that the gun, Capiain Superintendent Desire, Inspector accompanied by Lady des Vocus, arrived in the

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR.

THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO BLAME. At the meeting of the Legislative Council on the zindinst, his Excellency the Acting Governor, in reply to a question put by Mr. T. H. While-

the despatch of a British gunboat to the scene of the piratical and murderous attack upon the steamship Namoa on the roth instant;-His Excellency-I think, inasmuch as if any to this matter, it is myself, it will be more katisfictory for me to at once answer the bon. member's question than to wait till after the prrival of the Governor. I will therefore state shortly the facts as to what took place in so far as I am concerned in relation to this matter, inst. Commodore Church came to see me and informed me of what had taken place. At that time I had received no official report from any brought to my notice. The Commodore told me what had been related to him, and I then gunbout to the scene of the piracy. The

About ten o'clock on the morning of the 11th -would be well if I could see Mr. McLeavy Brown, | connection with the matter. who probably knew the locality well and would and The Acting Colonial Secretary-I think, sir, I the able to give me valuable information. I should like to add that the story as it appears in sent to Mr. McLeavy Brown, and he very kindly the paper is not altogether correct. It is true came to see me in half an hour's time. I told that I did take the Fame out with some armed him what the Commodore had mentioned to policemen on board, but my object was to put me, which facts had come to his knowledge myself in communication with a gunboat that previously. He agreed with me that it would had started after the pirates before. I received be desirable for a gunboat to go and said that information that she had gone to the wrong he would ask Captain Stewart to accompany the gunboat, If such would be agreeable to Commodore Church. Capmin Stewart, I may mention, is captain of the Kaipan, a revenue cruiser. I wrote to the Commodore and told him of the offart of Mr McLeavy Brown, and members had adopted the course pursued in that Mr. McLeavy Brown would request Captain Stewart to communicate, with him, in order that proposed addenda to their report on the he might go with the gunboat if such was con-Estimates. The course pursued would faciliale sidered desirable. This was about it o'clock, the despatch of business and leave little or for Mr. McLeavy Brown came to me shortly nothing undone that should have been done after the Commodore had left. During the course of the afternoon I received information His Excellency then in a very lengthy and by letter from the Commodore that the Linnet explanatory address spoke upon all the points would leave early the next morning. I did raised in the memorandum. - As to the complaint | not consider it necessary to request Commodore that there was not sufficient explanation in regard! Church to send a gunboat at any particular the impression that the three reports of the Sur- naval authorities, and if I am to blame to any to the necessity of improvement in the accom- authorities to send the Linnet, at any particular could be but little doubt. The way in which my duty. I thought therequest that the gunboat prisoners were confined for debt was not such | should go at a particular hour was a matter as was in keeping with the spirit of the times in | ratherforthe naval authorities than myself. Why which we now live, and it would be a question | the Linnet did not go until next morning I canfor consideration, whether such a custom should not take upon myself to say, but I have spoken be continued. A good many leading citizens to Commodore Church since on the subject, with whom he had conversed on the subject and his impression was that the particular thought it could hardly be abolished. If, how- object in sending the gunboat was rather to ever, it were continued there was no doubt but obtain information than with any idea at that that reasonably suitable accommodation for period of being able to do anything in the way borne in mind that the Namoa came in here as elsewhere. As to the question of cubic | eight o'clock that morning, that what had taken space necessary for each prisoner he had place took place about one o'clock the previous

day, and that therefore if any of the pirates had landed at that particular spot where the Zinnet made for, they would probably bave got away before the Linnet's arrival. I believe that that was one fact which influenced Commodore Church in not having despatched a gunboat sconer. There may have been another fact, and I believe there was, which was, that Combeen suggested that in addition to the gunboat own steamers, namely the Fame. I candidly admit that on that particular day it did not occur to me to send the Fame, and I thought would be far better for a gunboat to go than for a colonial steamer; but a few days after wards when more information was received connection with the whereabouts of these pirates it did strike me that it might be possible t send off the Fame in a short time. According! I directed steps to be taken to ascertain if sh could be sent off. . The Colonial Secretary, however, very properly brought to my notice the difficulty in sending the Fame, and that idea was abandoned. The reason of this was tha some twenty-two years ago this very! Fame was sent on a similar expedition, and the Secretary of State wrote a despatch complaining that such a thing had been done, I will read you some extracts from the correspondence that took place. "The correspondence was for warded in a despatch from the Colonial Office dated October 22nd, 1768. It is a forma desputch, and the Secretary of State does not make any comment on the matter. enclosed in the first place a letter from the Minister at Peking, 'addiessed to Lord Stanley The Minister at Peking says, " I have seed "copy of a despatch received from Her Majesty's Consul at Canton relating to an ex pedition by the Police into Chinese territory and I quite agree with the expressions in re ference to this matter. I have to difform you that a copy of the despatch has been sent to the

Foreign Office for consideration." Referring to the notice of the occurrence which appeared the China Mail. Her Majesty's Consulat Canton says, "I am of course not in a position to verify the truth of this newspaper statement, having no General Digby-Barker. I cannot feel too authority to question the Colonial Government on the subject, but I think it right to bring the matter to your notice, as it bears orima facts evidence of being correct? Possibly the Hong kode Government may have communicated wit the Chinese Magistrate in Kowloon and obtained some sanction for the proceeding, but if no such authority was obtained it is one fraught with danger to our amicable relations with the Chinese Government, a clear invasion; of international rights, and calculated to weaken the right to eppeal to the Chinese Government for redress under similar circumstances, the lateleying of the salt "gabelle" in British waters being an instance. Under any circumstances the employment of Coilonial Police beyond the colony, and particularly on services pertaining strictly to Her Majesty's rquadron; is certainly not authorised by any before wery long will become numbered in the existing treaty or regulation; and may lead to serious difficulties and complications Situated as Hongkong is on the shore of the southern part of the Chinese Empire, great care and discretion should be exercised in respect to interna-Hohal relations, and le fuste milleu can be best arrived at by the British and Chinese authorities recepting strictly within their respective jorisdictions." I will read the extract from the China Mass which gave rise to this question. It is in his tapacity as senior unomicial member, res. the listue of the lat July, 1868, and states

wanted having left the village they visited a few hours previous to the Fame's arrival. We are always glad to see vigorous action on the part of the police, but had the junk been captured by the Fame, or, what was possible the Fame captured by the junk, we are sadly afraid. that some question would have been raised as head, gave the fallowing reasons for the delay in to, this performance of Imperial duties by a colonial tug. If we are going to have a gunboat well and good, but it is of little use sending out one, pop-gun and a few police, to capture well-armed junks." In one is responsible for what took place in regard | consequence of that correspondence I did not consider it desirable that any further instructions should be given about the Fame going in search of these pirates. I think those are all the observations I have to make. In the latter part I have gone beyond what was asked in the question, but as it has been commented on in the newspapers that the Fame did not go out, thought it was only fair to the Government and myself to show why that course has not been adopted. I may say that on the 11th inst. one; not had the matter been in any way officially the Consul at Canton was telegraphed to, and a telegram, was also sent to Matno, where it was thought the pitates might land, and in order that suggested that it might be desirable to send a might see myself what had taken place in so far as I could, I went myself on board the Commodore expressed his willingness to do so unfortunate ship two or three hours after her and I told him that before sending a gunboat it farrival and made all the enquiries possible in

island, and on going out I found that she had gone to the wrong island. The Fame went round the island, but found that the men had left. Mr. P. Ryrie said in former years the police

had gone out in the same way, and had arrested

. The subject then dropped.

THE RETURN OF THE GOVERNOR.

Respecting the expected return of his Excellency the Governor during the course of the day Mr. P. Ryrie, senior unofficial member. addressed the Acting Governorat the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 22nd inst. as

Illows :-Your Excellency, before we adjourn I should like with your permission to say a few words with regard to the tenure of your office as President of this Council for the last nine months. think, and I am sure every member of this Council will agree with me, that it has been a satisfactory one, and that the manner in which you have conducted the business of this Council has never been surpassed in this colony. 'On any occasion when any member had any particular matter to bring forward you have shown a disposition to help him in what he wished to accomplish, and if possible to carry out what he desired. It is not an easy thing always to preside over a Council of this nature. You have two elements here, the official element and the unofficial element. Sometimes the unofficial element is inclined to question matters which have been done, and you have always met them in the most conciliatory manner, as we can all testify. Even in the late discussion on the Fatimates, although it has been a long, and tedious business, no acrimony of any kind entered into it. We met and amicably discussed the matter. You yourself have taken considerable trouble in connection with them and have received members both here and at Government House, and have expressed your views and your wish to meet them in every way. I have had a long experience of this Council-nearly twentyfour years now-and I speak with the authority experience. We thank your Excellency for

he manner in which you have presided over this.

ouncil for the last nine, months, and we.

incerely hope that it will not be the last over

which you will preside. (Applause.) His Excellency made the following reply :-Mr. Ryrie and hon, members, I thank you very much for the kind words that have just been spoken. It must be at all times satisfactory to one who has more or less important duties to perform to believe that he has performed them the satisfaction of those, whom they concern. From faults and shortcomings none of us are free, and I am quite aware that the work that has fallen to my lot during the last ten months has by no means been done in the perfect manner that it might have been. But, I can assure you of this, that I have spared neither time nor trouble in endeavouring to deal with the different questions that came before me, and I have the satisfaction, at all events, of knowing that none have been shelved, that several have been settled, and that few have remained unsolved. have to thank you on my part one and all very sincerely for the kindness with which you have supported me since I have presided ever this Board. Our opinions may sometimes have differed, and if on any occasion I have been unable to comply with the suggestions that you have made I hope you will do me the credit to believe that any such action on my part has been prompted by no desire to oppose your wishes, but has simply been in consequence of what I conscientiously believed to be my duty. (Hear, hear), I desire to take this opportunity of publicly expressing to all members of the Civil Service the assistance they have rendered me during the greater part of the last year, assistance which has gone far I may say very far, towards lightening the burden of my task. There is also anothermmatter I am desirous now of alluding to ... It., is., to one who is not a member of this Council, but who is a member of that other Council before which every important matter is debted previously to its grateful to him for the very valuable assistance and information he has at all times so readily. afforded to me in connection with the many important matters we have discussed together. The position I have held amongst you during the last ten months will necessarily become changed, but'I have pleasure in feeling that my connection with you will not be severed. As I have done my best to work for this colony in the past, so shall I endeavour to do so in the future. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that the year which is about to dawn upon us may prove in Every respect a happy one for this colony, and I can entertain no better wish than that during the fifty years next in store for us the colony may advance in strides as rapidly and in prosperity as great as it has during the fifty years which

unuals of the past. (Loud applause.) PADIOURNIENT. His Excellency said he thought that being how close on Christmas time it would be better to adjourn for a fortnight. If the Governor on his arrival thought that a longer adjournment was desirable it would be easy to send notice to that effect to members.

The Council then saljourned to the the

information has ever reached me. The public of city Governor had conducted the building of city Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention by the colony yesterday attention by the colony yesterday attention by Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention by the colony yesterday attention of city Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention of city Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention of city Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention of city Governor had conducted the colony yesterday attention of city Governor had colony yesterday attention of city Governor had colony yesterday attention of city Governor had colony yesterday yesterd which extended over 14 years. (Applause). Their conton was unsuccessful, the funk from the British fingship his Excellency and

Lady des Vœux landed at Pedder's Wharf shortly Liss It shaves of \$50 paidafter half-past five o'clock, by which time a large concourse of people had gathered to receive them. The fact of his Excellency having left the steamer and set out on board the launch Victoria for the wharf, was made known to the crowds gathered on the Hongkong side by a salute from some gunboats. A guard of honour from the A. & S. Highlanders and the band of the same regiment were drawn up near the wharf to receive the party, and immediately his Excellency landed he was received midst much cheering and handshaking with the strains of the national anthem. From the wharf his Excellency proceeded to Government House by way of Pedder Street, Wyndham Street, and Glenealy, the route being lined with police. Amongst those present on the wharf to receive the Governor were all the naval, civil and military local dignituries and many of the oldest and most respected of the residents in "our island home."

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the above named company was held at the Hongkong Hotel at moon on the 20th inst. There were present Mr. J. A. Sonnaville (Chairman); Messra. . Anderson and C. Ewens (Consulting Committec); G. Murray Bain, J. C. dos Remedios, W. K. Wylie (Superintendent) and a few others.

The Chairman said the report issued on the 16th instant contained all that he had to say on the subject of the company's affairs which were not so bright as he could wish. It must be remembered, however, that the year now drawing to a close had been an exceptionally bad one for Hongkong, and it was reasonable to assume that next year if not better, would certainly be no worse. There were reasons for believing that the Company's receipts would be considerably augmented mext year owing to the opening of twe new hotels at the Peak. He would be glad to answer any questions which any of the shareholders might be disposed to put to him.

In answer to questions the Chairman said sum of \$30,000 was still owing to the general managers, and that the cost coal might she reduced considerably in the near future if satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Torquin Coal Company whose coal had been tried during the past year with highly satisfactory results. The Tonquin other kinds procurable in the market. But when large and regular quantities were purchased a material reduction in the cost price of. the Tonquin article would doubtless end in a. benefit to the shareholders.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Bain seconded and it was carried nems. con.

Mr. W. H. Wylie proposed the re-election of Messrs. P. Ryrie and C. Ewens and J. Anderson as members of the Consulting Committee. It was seconded by Mr. J. C. da Cunha and carried unanimously, as also was the appointment of Mr. R. Lvali as Auditor for the ensuing year, A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The following is the report :-

The General Managers beg to lay before the Shareholders the annexed Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th Nevem-

The total receipts for the twelve months amount to \$25,203,20, including \$18 Transfer fees, the working expenses to \$24,170.21, the profit on the year's working to \$1,032.99

The General Managers wish however to state that next year the cost of one rope will have to be provided for out of the Working Account the cost of two ropes is already included in the Permanent Way Account and of one rope in the Suspense Account. It therefore will be seen that, unless the receipts increase largely, there is no prospect of the Commany paying a dividend for some time to come, especially as the Suspense Account will have to be gradually written off out of carnings.

The General Managers and the Committee have carefully considered the question of the loss through the landslip in May 1889, and having regard to the position of the Company and to the uncertainty of law, they cannot recommend that a suit be proceeded with, although they are advised that they have a good

The General Managers earnestly hope, that as it is evident the running of the Tramway is only benefitting the Peak Residents and the Public, the Government will do its heat to assist the Company.

1st By remitting taxation which is extremely

and By making a new road from Plantation Road to Magazine Gap which would increase the traffic and benefit the residents there.

and By an alteration in the system of trials. We believe the Board of Trade in England does not require such tests for similar Tramways as the Government here insists upon, which tests cause interruption in the traffic and strains the permanent way.

It is obvious that the present fares are high, and although it is impossible to make an immediate reduction, it is hoped that new roads and the opening of the two hotels on the hill will enable the Company to make a reduction.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. On the resignation of Mr. B. Layton, Mr. C.

Ewens was invited to join the Committee. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, the Honourable P. Ryrie, and Messrs. J. Anderson and C. Ewens, retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITOR. The Accounts have been audited by Mr. R Lyall, who also offers himself for re-election. MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

General Managers.

Hengkong, 13th December, 1890. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH NOVEMBER, 1890. Assets. Permanent Way. & Rolling Stock ... \$132,872.33

Concession and Deed of Grant Stock in hand at date Cath,-In hand\$450.89 With Collectors 40.00

Hongkong and Shanghai Binking Corporation Furniture with the Superintendent ...

Suspense, Cost of repairing damages caused by the landslip during the Storm in May, 1889

Capital. - In 1,150 shares

211 of \$100 each\$135,000.00

Liabilities.

Loan from the Trust & Loan Combeing \$4,800. pany of Chins, Japan & Straits, Ld. 4,175.07 Accounts Payable Profit and Loss 3,247.54 \$159,672.57 WORKING ACCOUNT. To Salaries and Wages..... \$ 11,011.32 Charges Account 000,60 Police Rafes Coals and Stores

\$ 25,417.75

General Manager's Commission (onsulting Committee's and 850.02 Auditor's Fees Balance to Profit and Loss..... By Traffic Receipts for the year to date\$ 25,185 20 Amount carried forward from last

Maintenance and Repairs

Interest

up, forfeited.....

E. & O. E. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

I have compared the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers of the Company; and found the same in accordance therewith R. LYALL, Auditor.

Hongkong, 13th December 1890,

Year

THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall was held in the Public Library on the 23rd inst. There were present Mr. J. J. Keswick (Chairman); Mesers. W. H. Forbes, G. Hoppius, G. Sharp and H. L.

Dennys (Secretary). In the course of a brief address the Chaliman said that the litigation which had arisen between the Trustees and the Government in connection with the Prays Reclamation Scheme was not referred to in the report for the reason that that document dealt solely with the affairs of the coal used for trial was found to be dearer than institution up to the 30th of June, and the litigation commenced subsequent to that date.

The following is the report :-

The balance in the hands of the honorary treasurer on the 30th June, 1890, was \$8,478.6 as shewn by the following account.

CITY HALL ACCOUNTS, SHEWING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM IST JULY 1889 TO

30TH JUNE 1890. To Balance in hands of Hon. Treasurer on 30th June 1889 as shewn in last Report\$ 5,122.54 Rent of Theatre, St. Andrew's Hall, Bail Room, &c., &c..... Rent of Chamber of Commerce ... Subscriptions collected between 1st July, 1889 and 30th June, 1890 Government Grant for 1889 Interest on current account in Hongkong and Shanghal Banking Corporation to June 1800

Final Dividend on claim against the Oriental Bank..... Wages, &c, for twelve months' ... \$ 3,348.00 Repairs, alterations &c G#5 Government Fire Brigade Museum and Office expenses, printing, binding, &c. Insurance Premis Balance in hands of Hon, Treasurer on 30th June, 1895..... \$15,090.32

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fourth ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's office, . at 3 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 29th December, 1890:-

J. J. KESWICK,

Chairman.

The Directors have the pleasure to present their report, together with a statement of accounts, for the year ended 31st October last. In so doing they feel gratified that the anticipations formed last year are fully realized, if not exceeded, and the shareholders may be congratulated upon possessing a going concern in full work. The difficulties formerly in the way of success have been overcome in almost every direction, the one thing still remaining unsatisractory being the housing of the European employees, and this matter has been resolutely

taken in hand. .The sales of the Company's products this year amount to \$12,958.60 against \$5,617 65 last year. There has been no diminution in the price of coal taking one period with another, but the results have been much better on a more

economical expenditure,

DRAIN PIPES. These are now being turned out in all respects equal to the very best goods of Home manufacture and consequently they are taking leading place in the local markets. A large order has been taken from the Colonial Government lately which will occupy the works during the next year.

FIRE BRICKS.

Some further improvements have been made in the quality of these goods, the demand for which is growing in a most encouraging manner,

PAVING BRICKS, TILES. &C. A very superior class of goods have been made which are quickly becoming popular, and when they become better known are sure to lead to a large business. Part of the machinery formerly used for making the ordinary building brick has been utilized for this purpose and the

results are very gratifying. ... PINANCES.

In March last it was deemed necessary to make a call of \$1.00 per share, which produced \$4.000, This and the profits of the Company for the year have been expended upon additional. machinery, the erection of a new Circular Kilin (now in operation), a better system of drainage over the whole works, the erection of matsheds for the protection of the Kilns and their contents from rain storms, and, lastly, for the construction of a brick dwelling on an open and clevated position for the European feremen, in the hope that thereby their health would be resdered more I further provision for the public service of the My beegb,

the assets of the Company before closing the charge upon the revenue for the service of the accounts and have freely written down values said year already provided for: Be it enacted by where necessary, the amount thus written off the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and

Mr. Andrew Johnston found it necessary to gentlemen the thanks of the shareholders are say:due for much of its success.

The members of the Board again waive their right to the fees to which they are entitled. . Messrs. E. L. Woodin and W. Wotton retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. G. H. Potts having resigned, the Board appointed Mr. W. H. Potts to audit the present accounts with Mr. H. Harms, and both these gentlemen are eligible for re-election,

Chairman.

BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD,

Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDED THE 1IST OCTOBER, 1890. Assets. Property 3,485.00 Kilns, as per last Report . \$. 4,840.00 New Kiln, Improvements, &c., 1890..... \$ 6,299 00

Depreciation written cff, 1890 1,014 00 Machinery and Plant, per last Report\$20,254.00 New Plant, 1890 1,200.00

\$21,454.00 Depreciation written off, 1890 2,828.00 Buildings and Wherl, per Tast Report \$ 9,555.00

New Galvanized Iron Roofing, Matsheds and Drainage, 1890 Disbursements to date, on account of New Bungalow

\$12,616.00 Depreciation written off, '90 958.00 Stores, (including Fuel on hand) Stock of Bricks, Pipes, Tiles, &c., at date 5 311.33

Accounts due at date Profit and Loss 34,114.18 Liabilities.

Capital Subscribed, -4,000 Shares at \$15\$100,000.00 Amount Called-up,-\$18 50 per Share ... \$ 74.000.00 Less Cails un-paid ...

Due Hongkong & Shanghai Bank ... 4,2 793 Accounts Payable \$82,083,87

WORKING ACCOUNT. To Profit and Loss, balance last year's account\$27,614.40 Solaries and Wages 7,094.11 Fuel

Charges Stores, &c., used during the year ... Interest Auditors' Fees 1889 and 1890,..... Bricks lost at works in Typhoon, 13-10-90 Amount of Depreciation, written off

Kilns, Machinery and Buildings..... By Total Sales, 1890 \$12,958.60 Less Stock taken over

from 1889 3,278.74 Bricks taken over by Company Stock at dite-cost Transfer Fets Profit and Loss 34,114.18 .. \$50,323.14

W. H. WALKER,

We have compared the above Statements with the Company's Books and Vouchers, and found the same correct.

W. HUTTON POTTS. Auditors. H. HARMS.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

PROSECUTION OF THREE PIRATES. Chau Chol Yin, 36, of Whampon, a smuggler; Chau Choi Leung, 32, of no occupation; Leung Ss, 40, of Tsang Shing, a bostman, and Li Alo At, of Kwai Sui, a tailer, made their salaam before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court thi morning (18th inst.), and were there charged by Inspector Stanton, Chief of the detective depart ment,"that they, with certainothers not in custody did piratically, feloniously, wilfully and ma ciously kill and slay Captain Pocock and others and did feloniously steal money and jewellry and clothing, valued at \$55,000, the property of the passengers and crow of the British steamship Namoa on the 10th instant, on board the said steamer on the high seas." The prisoners were not asked any questions, and no evidence was taken in the case. Before being removed to the remand cells in Victoria Gaol the prisoners were carefully searched by detectives. His Worship remanded the case until Saturday,

the 27th instant. CAPTURE OF ANOTHER PIRATE. Another pirate was arrested at 11. o'clock this norning near Hungham, and is now under lock and key at the Central Station.

THE COST OF "RUNNING" HONGKONG.

The following which appears in Saturday Gasette will give our readers an idea of the cost to the rate-payers of the Public Services in this Colony, The \$51,962.40 for the Post Office neludes the losses consequent upon the Barradas emberglements - 100 hereste a "Whereas it has become necessary to make - Borivener,

secure. Your Directors have carefully estimated | Colony for the year 1889, in addition to the consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as

A sum of three hundred and forty-nine resign his position in December last owing to the thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars' amount of attention demanded by the growing and eighty-five cents is charged upon the business being greater than he could afford. revenue of this Colony for the service of the Mr. W. H. Walker-was thereupon appointed year 1809, the said sum so charged being Menager and Secretary, and to both these expended as hereinafter specified; that is to

> Establishments. Civil:— Postmatter-General..... Registryr-General Observatory.....

Services Exclusive of Establishments. Postmaster General \$51,962.40

Medical 8,103.47 Police Magistrates Police Fire Brigade Charitable Allowances ... Works and Buildings 14,958 14 Roads, Streets and Bridges. Interest on Loan, and

Fire Brigade.....

Si king Fund Extraordinary Expenditure. Extraordinary Public Werks

Fatraordinary Military 50,048.93 Defences Total.....\$349,720.83

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 13th day of November, 1890."

SHOOTING MATCH.

A match between the 1st A. & S. Highlanders and the Hongkong Rifle Association, ten men a side, took place on Saturd y afternoon last, and resulted in a win for the military. The weather was good, though at times the light was rather changeable. For the winners Private Hood put on the fine total of 95 for the three ranges, Colour-Sergeant Mack also shooting in his well-known style. For the Association Mr C. Ford made a highest possible score at 500 yards. Appended.

are the full scores:-A. & S. HIGHLANDERS. Corp. Saunderson attention Grand Totals....... \$99 HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Mr. D McLannan

Mr. Frank Collins

FOOTBALL.

This, the third Rugby match of the sesson was played in beautiful weather, though somewhat too warm for football (temp. 72 deg. F), at the Happy Valley ground on the alternoon of the 22nd inst. Egerton having won the toss took the South end of the ground, the Navy thus having the advantage of the wind during the first half o

Afterwaiting ten minutes for two absentees, at 4.40 p.m. the ball was kicked off by Atkinson, the Club immediately pressed their opponent the forwards playing a very strong game; th Navy were not to be denied however, and gradually forced the ball to the Club's twenty five. Dow after a short run relieved his side by a grand punt into touch, the play thus being transferred to the Navy's twenty-five. Soon after this the Navy had to touch-down in self defence, the ball on being kicked out was well returned by Burn who was playing at Foll-back. The game was now mon evenly contested the ball being kept in centre of the ground. Just before half-time was called, Atkinson having received the ball from Burn, with a long and somewhat dodgy run, obtained a try immediately behind the posts, the

same player converting the try into a goal, After changing ends, the Navy set wask and playing very determinedly carried the play into the club's quarters. Lashmore, who had been playing very well, was particularly prominent. At this stage of the game the club retaliated and Dow, with a good run, carried the ball well into the Navy's twenty-five. Kiddle now touch-line, and was only tackled some twelve a concert, the first ever given at this port, would November-the period embracing the third relieved his side by a splendid run right up the yards from the club's goal line. Burn receiving take place. Tickets had been, written and sent critical period in the growth of the crop-and as the ball relieved his side with a good run down out to Chinese and European residents and we lately had some heavy showers up-country, the left. Both sides now made determined efforts to score ! Dow nearly kicking a goal from a long-drop and Stevens shortly after this ran infor the Navy, but the try was disallowed as the ball had been thrown forward.

Nothing further was scored and a very pleasant game ended in a victory for the Club by one goal (three points) to sil. For the Club, Lee and Gresson played well, and for the Navy Henniker, Kiddle and Lashmore were particularly prominent.

The following were the teams :-THE NAVY

P. Egerton, H. M.S. Perpoise Full-back (Capt.) M. Stevens. Firebrand) Dr. Dickinson. - Kiddle, Imperiente } backs. M. H. Cobbe, Lashmore, A. C. Pearson, Linnet C. Maclachlan, A, P. Henniker, Victor Emanuel | Torwards Imparleute.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.. H. S. Burn, Full-back.

Dr. Atkinson, (Capt.) - Fearon. A. L. Lee, R.A. backs. W. J. Gresson, R. F. Lammert, A. Chapman,

Anderson.

F. C. Vignieles, R.A.

K. A. Sterens, G. H. Potier, H.M.S. Imperieuse A. N. Other, Umpires, Navy R. B. Garde H.M.S. Imperiouse; Club, E. G. Young, R.E.

Mr. Potter of the Imperieuse kindly played for the Club, which was two men short. THE STRANDING OF THE "TOKIC

>Forwards.

A TRAGEDY AT THE SCENE OF THE WRECK.

A Koke paper relates that some of the sailors, Japanese, in a spirit of insubordination and recklessness induced by excesses in drinking attempted to force their way into the tent in which the officers' mess supplies &c. were getic means. A scuffle ensued, and the chief cook hurried to the spot to separate the combatants. Whilst doing so, or, as some accounts put it, immediately after doing so, one of the most aggrieved of the sailors, who had been succeeded in indicting a fearful wound which well nigh severed the Chinaman's head from his body. Death resulted simost instantaneously. Anything but sobered by the murderous deed, the man maintained such a threatening attitude that considerable risk was incurred in securing him. In

hama on the 13th inst. The murderer, we believe is under arrest. We are glad to hear, says the Japan Herald that better news has been received regarding the stranded steamer Tokio-maru. Contrary to expectation, she did not suffer from the late gale, and yesterday the pumps were got to work on her and should the present weather continue Mi Barrie, who has charge of the operations; confident of getting her off.

fact the man was not placed beyond power.

further evil until one of the European officers

stunned him with a capstan bar. The unfor

tunate cook's remains were conveyed to Yoko-

A SPECIAL COMMERCIAL TREAT

Advices from the North are to hand conveying to us the text of the Japanese-Korean Special Treaty to which we referred in a paragraph in our issue last Saturday. It consists of the following

four articles:-(1) Permission shall be given Korean merchants to export Ginseng to Japan. The export drained and the jungle is being burnt off.

duty shall be 20 per cent, duty of Tis. 3 per Tis. 100 worth. The import | estates, the drought that prevailed during the end duty on muslin which has been imported into of September somewhat reduced the estimate Japan and afterwards re-exported to Korea shall | which was 700 piculs.

be refunded. (3) The Korean duty on Japanese cloths; which

reduced to Tis. 5.00. (4) This treaty shall come into force on and after Jan. 1st, 1891, and with its operation the port and district of Helyosho (Pingyang) shall be opened to Japanese trade.

HOIHOW NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.)

The first steamer, the steamship Doris, to Dell left here on the 12th with emigrants. The British gunboat Redpels called in on the 10th and left for Pakhol on the following morn-

Twenty-three pirates, captured recently by the gunboat Chinto, were executed here on the 19th, There has been serious trouble at a village about to Il distant. The Triad Society people are said to have been at the root of it. official was despatched hence to the scene with full powers. After a short time he sent back his superior two jars of ears and a hasket of

queues as evidence of his practical zeal. A banner-a gorgeous concern in red silk and gold with appropriate inscription—has been presented by the London Board of Trade through the Taotal of a village on the south coast of the island in recognition of services rendered the natives to the British steamer Lorns which was wrecked there about three years ago. A gold watch was 'also to have been given to the official in charge at the time, but unfortunately he has been since degraded and his whereabout is at present difficult to ascertain.

Our Acting Consul, Mr. Octavius Johnson, has been transferred to Canton and Mr. E. H. Parker. from Foochow, will succeed him. During, a was highly popular both in his official and private capacities. His loss will be greatly felt

On the 15th the community assembled at the Consulate in respense to an announcement, that entertainment commenced. The overture, scarcity, as much hope is placed upon the seed Zampa," some: songs, and piano forte solos, | sown in September.

BORNEO NOTES

On November 7th last, an interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. W. R. Fint. Adjutant of Constabulary and in temporary command at Head-Quarters. It will be remembered that in January last Mr. Flowett had to proceed with some pelice to Segannan and Tabaunc in Darrel Bay to quell a rolet that was Series of the state of the series of the ser

inpending owing to the hostile attitude of the Ehrans and others in the district; akirnfish took place in which Sergeant-Major Juar Singh saved Mr. Hewett's life by parrying a blow-aimed at him-getting a nasty wound on the fingers of the right hand in so doing. As a mark of appreciation of the Sergeant. Major's conduct, Mr. Hewett sent to England and procured a splendid cavalry sword in buff leather scabbard mounted with silver fixings and and belt to match. This was presented to the Sergeant-Major on November 7th last, Captain Beeston addressing him in Hindustani in the presence of the non-Commissioned officers of the Force at Head-Quarters. Sergennt-Major Juar Singh made a suitable response and buck! d on his new acquisition. The Sergeant Major's health was drunk by his comrades, and the men

returned to barracks. Charter-Day 1890, falling on a Saturday, the holiday was held on Friday, October 31st. The Flag Staff at Government House, and the one in front of the Government Offices, were gaily drested with bunting, the fings of all nations waving to the cool breeze from the Bay. Picnics and shooting excursions seemed to be the order of the day, a few going in for the dolce fa wirnts in their shady bungalows. In the evening stored. The second cook, a Chinaman, remon there was a ball at Government House which strated, and as the men took no notice of was largely attended, all Sandakan being there him, sought to prevent them by more every to indulge in the worship of Terpsichore. The daucing was kept up with great spirit, some eighteen ladies being present, while the nondaucers of the male sex beguiled the passing hour with whist; and cut-throat euchre. At 11.30 an adjournment was made for supper to which ample justice was done, the company breaking flourishing a knife, wheeled sharply around and mp about a arm, after spending a most enjoyable

Mr. C. M. D. Stewert, Acting Resident at Darvel Bay! is certainly not only the most enthualastic sportsman but the most successful of all our North Borneo's kikaris. It is but a short time ago that the Herald had the pleasure of recording the death of a bull elephant with tusks four feet ten inches long, the victim of Mr. Stawart's fatal 8-bore. I have now the greatest pleasure in being able to chronicle the fall of yet another pachyderm with tusks measuring one door more than the last. Mr. Stewart dropped him with a shot at the redt of the ear, and followed him up to the spot where he fell when the brute got up and charged Stewart thereupon gave him a bullet in the breast which turned him, following this up with two more shots behind the shoulder, which settled the matter. The tusks, on measurement, proved to

be, the right one 5 feet to inches, the left 5 feet inches, measured outside the curve. ivory is of first class quality, yellow, with a pinkish tinge, and the weight 64 pounds. The natives asay that with one solitary exception, when Hadil Tahun found a pair of old. tusks in the jungle, they have neverseen such a pair. We heartily congratulate Mr. Stewart on his great and deserved success.'

The Lamag estate, under the management of Mr. James Fockins, has a crop of 240 piculs of first rate tobacco for the season of 1890 and the ground for the operations of 1891 is cleared,

Mr. Van Rinsum the Manager of the Songel (2) The Emperor of Japan shall allow Koyah estate has 600 piculs of first rate to bacco-Japanese merchants to import Ginseng under a | as the crop of 1899. As in some of the other

The death of Mr. James, assistant on the B. T. M. Co.'s estate at Sugut, Is announced. On is now Tis. 7.50 per Tis. 100 worth, shall be I the 1st inst. Mr. James was swimming across the river which runs by his plantation whom a huge alligator, soized him by the leg and dragged him

Mr. J., S. Kennedy, late manager of the Songel Koyah Co.'s estate on the Kinabatangan river. has been appointed manager of the Dawel Bay

Co. s. tobacco plantationer The latest official reports of the health t plantation : coolies is of a most satisfactory asture. - Herald.

De born BANGKOK NOTES.

We learn from the Government Gazette that His Majesty the King, on the 20th November last, passed a law limiting, after the English custom, the period during which insolvent debrors may be imprisoned. The new law is to come into force on the first day of the Siamese new year. The famous Fleet and Marshalses prisons in England, so familiar to all who have rend Dickens and sympathised with Mr. Pickwick and "Little Dorrit," were only abolished at a comparatively recent date, and nowiwe are shortly to see the last of the system

The prospects of the rice-crop would, after all, appear to be more cheering than was expected, The excessive drought in the latter half of September and in October and November did not, it seems, injure the rice to any very great extent, and the most seriously affected tracts are said to be in the Raheng and a few surrounding districts, where hat very small crop is expected 21 [Exclusive rof these and some other less affected tracts, it is thought the residence of upwards of four years Mr. Johnson | crop will be a good one. The actual out-turn of rice, however, always depends largely upon the sufficiency or otherwise of the rainfall in the latter Half of October-and sometimes in seventy eight were sold. At half-past four the it may be anticipated there will be no real

comprised the first part given by Messra John- an About stwoo'o'clock on Saturday morning son and Leach. The second part was composed | Luang Kosah a Sismese gentleman residing in in much the same way, but was varied by an the neighborhood of the Bangkok Irone Works. excellent recitation from Mr. Neumann, and a wastpaid a complimentary visit by a number of vocal duet by Mesers, Herton and Johnson, srmed Chinese. of The party, however, met with etc. etc. Our musical resources are not very an ambuscade in their approach to the premises extensive. But I think I may fairly say that and had at oncoven retreat, which they did in quality quite made up for quantity. Each piece such haste that they left behind a boat and was artistically rendered and the whole entertain. In old gun with ammunition, now : in the ment a pronounced success. There were 54 possession note the repellers of this hight peop'e present who apparently appreciated, to attack willing Wright, the manager of the the full extent a treat seldom enjoyed in this part | Impi: Works, irwho wilives close by, Learing of the world. The proceeds are for a charitable the lafter trame upon the scene and with arevolver contributed to increase the speed lof the departing invaders of Luang Kosak's premise. The event has created quite a sensaition in the locality and imbued the inhabitants theres boots with quite a martial air, so much sour indeed other a strong phalanx of people walted tit till a late hour on Sunday morning in the hope that the party would return for their boat, atom We would were people to give the place wide berthe while this temper pervades the atmosphere of the neighbourhood .- Timet